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ADDRESS.

THY kingdom come ! has been the devout and benevolent aspiration of every true disciple of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, from those who caught the prayer from his gracious lips, to those who now utter the fervent ejaculation, with hearts animated by the delightful prospect of its extensive accomplishment, and souls illuminated and fired by the blaze of the Divine glory, as the millennial sabbath dawns. In the execution of the vast and important, yet truly grateful task of directing the liberality of thousands of their brethren to the objects by them designed, and in their endeavours faithfully, in every point, to attend to the duties delegated to them by the general Convention, the efficacy of the supplication has been made evident to the Board ; and they now acknowledge it, with sentiments of heartfelt gratulation to their brethren in Christ, and of devout thankfulness and praise to the Lord God Omnipotent, who, riding forth in the chariot of salvation, deigns to make them fellow-workers with himself in the magnificent design of redeeming from the dominion of darkness, and the bondage of sin, out of every kindred and tongue, and people and nation, the sanctified, the sacramental host, who shall ultimately join the univer-

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sal choir in ascribing, "blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever."

Conceiving that nothing could contribute more to the generous ardour of enlightened benevolence, and to the excitement of extended christian sympathy, than the diffusion of missionary intelligence, the Board have commenced a periodical publication, entitled the *Latter Day Luminary*: from this, and the documents annexed to the present address, may be collected every information respecting the number of missionaries under the patronage of the Board, their destination, their operations, and their prospects of usefulness. It may not, however, be improper here to present a concise statement of the transactions of the preceding year.

Our agent, Mr. Rice, has continued persevering in those active exertions for the advancement of the missionary cause, which so essentially contributed to its rise: and, whilst prosecuting this course, "in labours more abundant," "in journeyings often," "in weariness and painfulness," "in watchings often," he has our warmest sympathies, and we recommend him to the patronage of every friend of Zion.

Brethren Peck and Welch, whose designation to the western mission was announced in the last Report, have arrived at St. Louis; constituted a church of believers, whom the providence of God had conducted thither before them; opened a school; and made excursions among the Indians in the surrounding country; and found them generally willing, even solicitous, that their children should be instructed.

Brother Ranaldson has been actively employed in the states of Louisiana and Mississippi, in preaching the gospel to bond and free, with a success that has rejoiced our hearts; and has established a church in the former state. Though unable, from the sickness of his family, to visit the Creek Indians, pursuant to the instructions of the Board, his representation to the Mississippi Association produced a mission from that body, which eventuated in the formation of a *Creek African Church*.

Among the Cherokees inhabiting the wild mountainous country which lies on the borders of North Carolina and Tennessee, the Rev. Humphrey Posey has communicated evangelic instruction with acceptance, and has established several schools for the education of their children. Having similar objects in view with respect to the Indians inhabiting the state of Indiana, and territory of Illinois, the Board appointed the Rev. Isaac McCoy, near Vincennes, to missionary service in that quarter.

Two young missionaries, Messrs. Wheelock and Colman, whose hearts are devoted to the cause in which they are engaged, whose desires are to live for the conversion of the Burmans to God, and to die among them, have sailed to join their brethren Judson and Hough in Rangoon.

In this limited view of the proceedings of the Board, it may be observed, that the destitute places of the earth have been sought out, and cultivated by the faithful servants of Christ: the wretched, ignorant, wandering race, whose inveterate habits of savage life have often palsied the efforts of those who were warmest in their cause, are now induced to submit to the fostering hand of civilization, and listen to that gospel which has brought life and immortality to light. The poor African, once as "dark in things divine" as the complexion which Providence has stamped upon him, now beholds the "light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." In personal bondage, he is Christ's freeman; and, without a country in all the world he can call his own, his expectations are raised to one that is heavenly. And the devoted missionaries in Rangoon who have planted the standard of Christ in the empire of darkness, and invaded "the habitations of cruelty," will soon, it is hoped, receive an accession to their number.

Such extended operations, it may well be conceived, could not be carried on without great expense; and the Board, ever regarding economy in the use of the funds by the liberality of the public intrusted to them, have, nevertheless, been compelled by a sense of duty, to make large appropriations for these several objects. The calls of Providence were too plain to be misunderstood. They would not resist; they could not but promote the ardent wishes of those into whose hearts God had infused the holy desire of sacrificing almost every earthly consideration to his sacred cause. They confided in His faithfulness who has promised to accomplish what they are labouring by his blessing to achieve. They trusted, too, that there existed in those who have hitherto favoured them with their patronage, a spirit that would not suffer them to grow weary in well doing; but which, regarding the success that has crowned their efforts, would only find in each renewed demand upon their benevolence, a fresh inducement for contributing to such heavenly purposes.

Much has been done, but more, much more remains to be accomplished. We have only planted our standard on the field; the battle is yet to be fought. The various stations which have been chosen, are only strong positions from which must be carried on a more extended warfare. If we faint here, our strength is small indeed! If

we sit down satisfied with such partial achievements, the laurels already gathered will wither on our brows. If steady, ardent, persevering efforts do not succeed these measures, we have but laboured in vain. What are *four* missionaries in Rangoon against a host of *seventeen millions!* and these too under the strong influence of the god of this world, and shielded by the grossest darkness! Take up the map of North America. Trace the range of the 'everlasting hills' which divide the waters that roll to the Atlantic from those that discharge themselves into the gulf of Mexico. One missionary is stationed there; more solitary than the eagle that builds upon their rocks. From thence look southward upon the vast extent of country inhabited by the Cherokees, Creeks, Chickasaws, and Choctaws, and one or two may be discovered shining like stars amid the general gloom. Then extend your view across the Mississippi to the town of St. Louis; two missionaries have fixed themselves there. But follow this river in its course for thousands of miles; trace its mighty tributary streams, and you will find their banks lined with tribes of Indians, almost as ignorant of the God who made them, as the animals on which they subsist. When shall these "floods clap their hands?" when shall these valleys sing, and the mountains repeat the joyful sound of salvation? Can such mighty effects be produced by the efforts of *two* men, however pure their aims, however unwearied their exertions?

We repeat it, the work is but in its commencement. Those self-denying men, who, confiding in the promises of God and the fidelity of his friends, have gone forth to their glorious task, must be ably supported. For *success* in their endeavours they look to *Him* whose privilege alone has power to make darkness light, and raise the dead to eternal life; but for the *means* which shall enable them unceasingly to persevere in their labours, they look to *us*. And who will refuse "a cup of cold water" to the disciple of his Lord, when fainting with the extremity of toil? Let us rather say, who will not count it a happiness, for which he is bound to give thanks to the Father of mercies, that an opportunity is afforded of participating in that noble design which invites the contemplation, and engages the attention of the happy spirits who "are sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation."

There is one circumstance which the Board are particularly desirous of impressing upon the mind of every friend to humanity. Our British brethren in India have found, by the experience of more than twenty years, that "civilization and salvation go hand in hand;" and if this be true respecting a people in some degree enlightened,

it obtains with a ten-fold consideration when applied to the aborigines of our country, destitute of a written language and every art of cultivated life. It follows that schools for their instruction must be established if we would do them any real and permanent service; and an additional expense proportionate to these objects must ensue. But let not any one be discouraged on this account. By teaching them to read, and placing in their hands the word of God, which by the power of his Spirit is able to make them wise unto salvation, we shall greatly prepare the way of the Lord, and facilitate the progress of his missionary servants. It is but following the bright path that marks the progress of redeeming love on the fields of Europe and the extensive plains of Asia. By this method such as were ready to perish, even in lands where the gospel had long been known, have been nourished with the bread of life. By this method the heavenly manna distils upon the wilds of Tartary. And it is by disseminating religious tracts, and such portions of the Scriptures as they have, in the short period of their residence in Rangoon, been able to translate into the Burman language, and publish, that our beloved brethren there are diffusing the knowledge of God with success; and their hearts are gladdened with inquiries for "*more of this sort of writing.*"

Brethren of our own denomination! brethren in Christ, and friends of humanity of every name! whilst thus we press upon you the mighty objects yet to be attained, we are not unmindful of what you have already done. We thank you, from our hearts we thank you, for the liberal support you have afforded in the common cause of our master; and we feel a pleasure in reflecting that our thanks are the least recompense that shall be given to every one who thus serves him. If we have "*used boldness*" in urging upon you the necessities of ever increased exertions, it is because we are sensible, that such only can be crowned with success. We ask not your gold or silver for our own purposes, but for His who is Lord of both. Our missionaries, content with what may subserve the ordinary support and decencies of life, prefer to all the charms of wealth, the privations which their duties impose, and find their comforts in the consolations of Christ—their luxuries in doing good. There is, indeed, one subject upon which they are importunate, and we cannot but request your attention to it. Their constant cry is, "*Pray for us.*" This duty a Lazarus may fulfil, and even the most wealthy will find themselves enriched by the exercise. They who cast their bread upon the waters shall find it after many days; but the devout supplication of the pure in heart of itself diffuses the joys of heaven through the bosom of man. We close our address with the wish, that in this, as in every good word

and work you may continue to abound ; and that all engaged in the glorious enterprise of extending the empire of the Redeemer, may realize the prayer of Moses, the man of God—"Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us ; and establish thou the work of our hands : yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

TO THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE BAPTIST BOARD OF
FOREIGN MISSIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES.

DEAR SIR,

A MERCIFUL God has preserved me in health and safety through the various journeyings and exertions of another year. While recognizing his great goodness with devout gratitude, permit me to present to you, and, if you think proper, to the Board, the following statements, connected with the services allotted me by that venerable body.

These statements will have reference—1st, to the publishing of the proceedings of the Convention and third annual Report of the Board, and a tour through the western country last summer—2d, to the circumstances connected with issuing proposals for the publication of the Latter Day Luminary, including a journey to Boston—3d, to a tour through the middle and western states last fall and winter—4th, to the issuing of the first number of the Luminary, and a late excursion to Virginia and North Carolina.

1st. From the first of my employment in the service of the Board, it has been my endeavour to keep steadily in view, and to prosecute with undeviating perseverance, the great object of *effectuating arrangements for keeping up a regular intercourse between the Board and all the Associations and Mission Societies in the United States*, as designated in your second annual Report, 1816 ; combined with efforts *to excite the public mind more generally to engage in missionary exertions, and to assist in originating Societies, or Institutions, for carrying the missionary design into execution*, as expressed in my original appointment, in 1814. Of the importance of attaining this object, in addition to my confidence in the wisdom of the Board, I have ever felt a deep conviction, and have only lamented, while wearing away the best part of my earthly existence in the business, that it has not been in my power to carry forward these systematic arrangements with greater rapidity, to a larger extent, and with much more vigour and success.

After the publication of the proceedings of the second meeting of the general Convention, and the third annual Report of the Board, and the accomplishing of a general distribution of the same, I proceeded, conformably to instructions, on a tour to the westward. Although so late as the 8th of July before it was practicable for me to set out, and notwithstanding the badness of roads and the extreme heat of the season, I arrived at the Green River Association, in Barren county, Ky. the 27th of the same month. The following Saturday and Sabbath, I was with the Concord Association, Smith county, Tennessee; the next, with the White Water Association, Franklin county, Indiana, but in the evening of the same Sabbath preached in Cincinnati, Ohio, and received a contribution for missionary purposes; and the Saturday and Sabbath after, was again in the south part of Kentucky, at the Stockton's Valley Association, in Barren county, and on Monday, the day following, was at the close of the South District Association, in Mercer county, a hundred miles from the place of the meeting of the Stockton's Valley Association. Here, although brother Welch had received a liberal collection the preceding day, another was willingly offered.

On Thursday of the same week, I set out from Lexington, Ky. for this city, to be present at the quarterly meeting of the Board, the first Monday in September, conceiving it my duty to lay before my honoured patrons various considerations and facts relative to some important modifications of the plan now moving into operation. Nor could I avoid thankfully to mark the event as specially providential, that it should be practicable for me, without losing any opportunity of visiting associations, to meet the Board at a juncture which actually formed a crisis of no ordinary moment to the system of intercourse between that body and the baptist denomination throughout our country. I visited just on the bank of the Ohio river, on the Ohio side, the Teass Valley Association, on my way; and, in ten days and a half, having passed the distance of 760 miles, arrived in Philadelphia.

At the White Water Association, a meeting was agreed on for the purpose of forming, in that part of Indiana, a mission society, which was to take place in February; of the result, advices have not yet been received. A meeting was also appointed, before my leaving that quarter, for the purpose of originating a mission society, in the county of Madison, Ky. Brethren Peck and Welch, on their way to St. Louis, were present at that meeting, and a society was organized.

At each of the associations mentioned in the foregoing, as well as at each of those yet to be mentioned as visited by me in the course

of the past season, a contribution was made to assist the missionary funds; and each of them consented to a correspondence with the Board.

2d. Permit me now to introduce statements having reference to *the circumstances connected with the issuing of proposals for publishing The Latter Day Luminary, including a journey to Boston.*

This part of the business has been regarded on all hands as possessing singular importance. Your condescension, therefore, will indulge me a few moments in adverting to the circumstances, the contemplation of which inspired the resolution and imparted the strength that brought me in so short a time from so great a distance, to your quarterly meeting in September.

A short period previous to the assembling of the late Convention at their first triennial meeting, the proprietors of the American Baptist Magazine and Missionary Intelligencer, as you are well acquainted, conceived the noble and herculean design of giving to that valuable work, a complete circulation throughout our country. The state of things and pressure of other weighty concerns, prevented this matter from undergoing a discussion in the Convention, and a deliberate, extended investigation of the practicability of attaining the object contemplated by the proprietors of the Magazine, on the plan adopted by that publication; or whether, even if practicable, it would not be more eligible for a publication on this enlarged scale, to emanate directly from the general missionary body, that it might conduce to display and strengthen its relations with all parts of the community; or whether, if not practicable, some other plan could not be discovered, suited to the accomplishment of an object of so much interest, and so much to be desired.

The case, however, as it will be recollected, although not regularly gone into in any formal discussion, could not, from its very nature and bearings on the cause of missions, be suffered to pass wholly without notice. Solicitous that the useful information spread uniformly over its pages, should be diffused as widely as possible through the community, the Convention strongly recommended the Magazine to general acceptance and patronage. Founded on the same solicitude an arrangement was proposed, and acceded to, which should render the Board, in part, proprietor of the publication, in the hope and belief that this would give such invigoration to the means of circulating the work, as should secure the object, at least to a very gratifying extent.

Soon, however, on applying to this arrangement, from which so much had been anticipated, the test of experiment, it was discovered

that the plan could not succeed. The smallness of the Magazine and its price, together with the frequency of its publication, left the concern unable to diffuse it through all the wide spreading regions westwardly and south-westwardly from this place, unless on the principle of employing other resources for this purpose, besides such as the work itself should supply. At the same time, as this deficiency of means for the ample circulation of the Magazine through the extensive sections of country referred to, without incurring expense, was discovered, another plan, of a larger work, of course higher in its price, and less frequently issued, revealed itself in all the light of obvious practicability, and certain ultimate profit to the missionary interest. The solemn alternative distinctly offered, whether a plan, the feasibility of which was shaded not by a solitary obscuring doubt, should be adopted, or leave the numerous population alluded to, still unsupplied with the information which it is so affectingly important they should possess!

These views constantly present, and pressing with daily accumulating weight upon my mind, impelled a hasty return from Kentucky, that the facts, so far as they had fallen within the scope of my observation, might be stated, fully, to the Board. Nor was it in any small degree consoling, to find that I had not been contemplating the matter in an erroneous light, as their unanimous decision still supports me in believing.

It was deemed expedient, however, to postpone the prospectus till the Editors of the Magazine should be consulted. But so urgent was the case, that it was judged advisable for me to omit several associations it had been my design to visit, and proceed to the eastward on this errand. In prosecuting this measure, some additional expense was incurred, while the opportunity of receiving collections in a number of instances, was lost; but it was an object greatly desirable to bring this matter to a happy conclusion.

Early the next morning after the meeting of the Board, I set out on an excursion to Virginia; visited the Shiloh Association in Madison county on Friday and Saturday of the same week; was with the Goshen Association in Orange county on Sabbath and Monday; and, wheeling to my right, met the Baltimore Association the Friday following, at Sideling Hill, Bedford county, in this state; the Wednesday after, was with the New Jersey Association at Trenton, N. J.—and arrived in Boston on Saturday, the 20th of the month. After accomplishing the object of my journey thither, I had the pleasure to be with the Hartford Association at Weathersfield, Connecticut,

on Wednesday, the first of October, on my return; and was present at the meeting of the Board, on Monday the 6th. Of my reception by the worthy brethren in New England, and the results of my journey to that quarter, it is unnecessary here to say any thing. Your expectations were not disappointed.

3rd. *Statements relative to my tour through the middle and western states, last fall and winter.*

Proposals for the Latter Day Luminary being issued by the publishing committee appointed by the Board, the day after their meeting, I went to the Philadelphia Association at Southampton; and on Saturday evening of the same week, was at the Dover Association, King and Queen county, Virginia. The contribution by the assembly present at the missionary sermon on the Sabbath was 272 dollars. In a fortnight, having taken a circuitous route through a part of that state higher up, and a part of Maryland and Pennsylvania, for the purpose of scattering subscription papers for the Luminary, I attended the Salisbury Association in Sussex county, Delaware. The next Saturday and Sabbath, was with a mission society in Fredericksburg, Va. and the Saturday and Sabbath following, with the Raleigh Association in Wake county, North Carolina.

Leaving this place the 10th of November, having been at fifteen associations in the course of the season, I crossed the country by Lynchburg, Romney, and Uniontown; reached Pittsburgh the 23d, and received in a Presbyterian meeting house a contribution for missionary purposes. The young ladies had formed a Mite Society not long before. The next day I proceeded to Washington, Pennsylvania, and the day after to Wheeling, Virginia; thence through Zanesville, Chillicothe and West Union, Ohio; Maysville, Washington, Lexington, Georgetown, Harrodsburg, Bardstown, Louisville, Shelbyville, Frankfort, Versailles, Richmond, Campbellville and Glasgow, Kentucky; Nashville, Franklin, Murfreesboro, Lebanon, Liberty, Sparta, Knoxville, Jonesboro and Blountville, Tennessee; Fincastle, Lynchburg, Lexington, Staunton, Harrisonburg, New Market, Luray, Milford, Front Royal, Zion, Winchester, Charleston to Harper's Ferry, Virginia. In each of these places I had opportunity, in connexion with preaching, to introduce the subject of missions, and receive assistance. The collections, although not large, commonly manifested the liberality of the people, as the meetings were often such as could be obtained after my arrival at the place at the close of a day's ride, without any previous notice. In Lynchburg I spent less than forty hours, and assisted to originate two mission societies, and received by contributions in the Presbyterian and Methodist

meeting-houses, more than \$200.—At Winchester was commenced a Female Mite Society in the school of the Rev. Mr. Sedwick.

From Harper's Ferry coming on through Fredericktown and Lancaster, I arrived in this city the 2nd of February. A principal object of this tour was the disposing of subscription papers for the Luminary, and arranging for its conveyance. The returns furnish the best comment on the probable success of the undertaking.

4th. In relation to the circumstances connected with the issuing of the first number of the Luminary, and a late excursion to Virginia and North Carolina, it is unnecessary here to say much.

In the proposals for the publication first printed, it was thought proper to allow separate columns for the Luminary and the annual Report; and the plan of semi-annual payments was adopted, in order to obtain a sufficient amount in advance to enable the publishing committee to commence the work, inasmuch as this concern was, in the outset, to keep entirely clear of the funds belonging to the Board, and the responsibility and risk to rest on the committee, personally, not on the body by whom they were appointed and authorized. The prospect, however, soon became so fair and promising, that the Board assumed the responsibility; and it was judged advisable to drop from the paper the column for the annual Report, and regard that as one in the series consisting of five numbers a year, accommodated, as most convenient, to the basis of annual payments, rather than semi-annual. So many had subscribed for the Report, that what would be found in it could not with propriety be introduced into the Luminary, as in that case such would pay for the same matter twice; while, if any omitted taking the Report, there would be a chasm in their information. New subscription papers were, therefore, issued. These are in operation, and it is probable the number of subscribers will be considerably augmented. Much, if any profit, cannot be expected this year; but ultimately, no doubt, something handsome will be derived from this source to the mission funds.

The discretion to me confided by the Board, to employ persons in different parts of the country to assist in systematizing the circulation of the work, I shall feel it my duty to exercise with great caution. None have as yet been employed; but arrangements are in train on which is founded the expectation that some will be in the course of the season ensuing. In all these cases it may justly be calculated that direct advantage to the funds of the Board will be secured, besides assistance to the regular circulation of the Luminary.

On obtaining from the press the first number, I proceeded southwardly, in the hope of being able to go as far as Milledgeville in Geor-

gia. A quantity of the publication had been shipped for Richmond, Va. to be taken along to the south, and distributed all the way ; but the vessel did not arrive time enough for me to accomplish the journey intended. Indeed the detention was so great, owing to this failure, as to prevent my going farther in that direction than Raleigh, N. C. Turning to the left, I visited Edenton and Norfolk, on my way back to this place.

While in Richmond, Va. I had opportunity of attending the annual meeting of the Female Mission Society—the African Mission Society—the Richmond Mission Society—of preaching a sermon for a collection to aid the funds of the Juvenile Female Cent Society—of witnessing the beginning of a Youth's Mite Society—and of witnessing the zeal of the ladies to form an Education Society. It afforded me much pleasure, indeed, to observe the zeal, and intelligence, and capacity, and success, discovered in the African Mission Society. The fact too, that the little girls from 6 or 7, to 12 or 14 years old, had formed a society, to save from the purchase of little delicacies their mites to assist the glorious object of giving the knowledge of the gospel to all the world, and that their lovely example was producing something similar among the little boys, could not fail to awaken emotions peculiarly delightful, anticipations the most lively and interesting. In Raleigh it is probable a similar little ladies' Cent or Mite Society, may ere this have been instituted. In Norfolk I am confident a Female Society will soon go into operation, probably has already. In Edenton the ladies have an Education Society :—these, besides the Mission Societies before existing in and about Norfolk and Edenton.

In Alexandria has recently been originated a Female Missionary Society, and one in Washington city ; one at Chapawamsick, one at Wellsburg on the Ohio river, and one at Bruceville, in the state of Indiana, besides the Bruceville Mission Society. While in Virginia, on his way to the westward, brother Welch assisted in the formation of a mission society in Madison and Culpeper counties. How many more have been formed during the past year, I cannot with certainty at this moment say, but will endeavour to make out a list of them on a separate paper ; also, an account of monies received, and of the expenditures incurred in the business assigned me by the Board.

My expenses have been greater than formerly, owing to the journey to Boston, the necessity of travelling so much in expensive parts of the country, and of frequently resorting to stage and steam boat conveyance as the only mode sufficiently rapid to answer the purpose.

Mean-time the collections taken have not swelled to the amount they might have done, had not my course of visiting Associations been interrupted by the circumstances already mentioned, or had I been able to prosecute my late southern excursion to the extent originally designed. Very little attention have I been able to bestow on the important object of securing a permanent fund for the secretary department. This matter, however, may now be offered to the public, in a light, I trust, to be pursued with vigour and success.

Since the date of my letter to you, the 6th of May, 1817, I have travelled 9359 miles, and received 5443 dollars 57 cents. The expenditures connected with this course, including my allowance of \$8 per week; distribution of the last annual Report; paper, printing, and distribution of the Luminary; paper for the Report this year; postages, &c. &c. have amounted only to 1963 dollars 67 cents.

In closing this communication, it causes me to feel peculiar satisfaction to declare my unshaded conviction that the missionary spirit is still gaining ground, and extending its benign influence. May the period soon arrive when "*all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*"

As ever, with most affectionate and christian salutations,

Permit me to subscribe myself, your Agent,

LUTHER RICE.

REV. DR. STAUGHTON, Cor. Sec. &c.

Philadelphia, April 30, 1818.

INSTITUTION FOR IMPROVING THE EDUCATION OF PIOUS YOUNG MEN,
CALLED TO THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY.

AMID the range of interesting efforts recommended by the baptist Convention to the Board of missions, the education of youth destined for the work of the ministry, is one of the highest importance. It is demanded by the improved state of society; it supplies to the young minister himself numerous and solid advantages, and is, with the blessing of God, in every case useful; but as relates to the business of translation, it is of indispensable value to the foreign missionary. The manner in which this duty was pressed upon the Convention by the venerated President, at its last session, will not soon be forgotten. All that zeal for the honour of God and the prosperity of the churches, all that correct conception, impressive eloquence and decision of feeling could suggest, were employed to arouse the minds of the brethren to this necessary measure.

The Board has felt the weight of the charge that has been to them committed. So far from fearing that in this business they have come forward too early, they apprehend most from their apparent delay. They owe it to truth to avow, that their difficulty has arisen from the want of funds to carry the object, to any considerable extent, into execution. What of late they have observed with reference to the public impression on this point, creates an assurance that to obtain funds competent and ample, nothing is necessary but a direct appeal to the liberality of their fellow christians throughout the Union. To this they were the more inclined, as the Baptist Education Society in Philadelphia, so early as July last, addressed to them a letter, offering their immediate co-operation in accomplishing the objects contemplated by the Convention.

At the late annual meeting of the Board, the subject was fully and in all its various bearings discussed, and a committee appointed to consult with a committee of the Education Society. The Rev. Dr. Staughton has been elected Principal, and the Rev. Ira Chase, A. M. Professor of Languages and Biblical Literature. The Board calculate much on the talents, piety, and devotedness of brother Chase; and it affords great pleasure to announce that he has accepted the appointment.

A suggestion of the honourable judge Tallmadge, one of the vice-presidents, on his return from the south, has been welcomed and recommended—that a meeting of the Board, as numerous as possible, be called, to put into immediate effect the wishes of the Convention, and to elicit all the aid that can be procured for the accomplishment of the important design. The second Wednesday in July has been fixed upon for this purpose. In the mean-time, brother Rice, the agent of the Board, is instructed to obtain all the subscriptions he can, that may contribute to the supplying of means for the accomplishment of an object so conducive to the prosperity of our churches, the interests of missions, and the glory of our common Lord and Saviour.

It may be thought unnecessary in the present state of society to assign any reasons to prove the utility and importance of education in assisting the minister of the sanctuary in the discharge of the public and solemn duties of his office. When, however, it is recollected that the most valuable principles fail in their effect unless frequently reviewed, “line upon line” may be found advantageous.

The bible in its popular translation ought unquestionably to engage the laborious attention of the candidate for pulpit labours. The saints of God are accustomed to its phraseology, and find in its words a savor

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ness which accords with the most gracious exercises of their hearts. It has become venerable for its antiquity, and is received among christians as their guide to heaven.

It is our happiness that as a translation the scriptures are most excellent; but still they are a translation. They supply the best remedy for the evils which the confusion of tongues has created, but the words are not those which the Holy Ghost first employed in conveying revealed truth to man. An acquaintance with the original scriptures qualifies the minister of Christ for contemplating the sentiments delivered in the sacred volume in a variety of lights. It enables him to correct errors which mistaken friends or avowed enemies of divine truth may have introduced. The baptists in determining and defending the real import of the term by which they are denominated, and the nature and government of a church of God, are deeply interested in giving to their public teachers an acquaintance with the scriptures in their original tongues.

Besides the oracles of God in their translated and original forms, the public speaker ought to become familiar with the grammar of his own language. Logic will assist him to reason with accuracy, and rhetoric to convey the result of his investigations and the fervours of his heart with acceptance. Without an acquaintance with profane history he can never explain the prophecies which are on record; and ignorant of ecclesiastical, he can never trace to their sources the mischievous errors that prevail. Geography, ancient and modern, is of importance; the former will aid him in his public expositions, and the latter serve to animate and direct the enlarged zeal of his heart, for the extension of the Mediator's kingdom.

The able minister is made such by the Holy Ghost, and only those who in the judgment of the churches are subjects of grace will be admitted to the benefits of the institution. When science would assume the seat of vital religion, let her be treated as was Hagar when she would become the mistress of Sarah; let her be turned out of doors. But it is certain the Holy Spirit works by means. Who will argue that preaching is unnecessary because God alone changes the human heart? Timothy had received a special gift at the laying on of the hands of the presbytery, and yet he is exhorted by an apostle, who, in zeal for the doctrines of grace and the honour of the Holy Ghost, was by none exceeded, to "give attendance unto reading."

The same blessed Spirit who assisted the apostles to speak with tongues, employs and blesses human acquisitions to the honour of the divine name. Was not Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost when he quoted from heathen writers the following passages, certain of

your own poets have said, for "we also are his offspring"—"The Cretans are always liars"—"Evil communications corrupt good manners." The divine Spirit in employing our English bible for the conversion and sanctifying of the people of God, condescends to make use of the instrumentality of human learning. Had our translators been ignorant of gender and case, of mood and tense, of syntax and government, the bible in the vernacular tongue had never been ours. The venerable Carey and his associates are consecrating their learning to the important work of translating the word of life. They translate not from translations, but draw the waters of life from the sacred fountains of original scripture. Some of our young men feel a necessity laid upon them to become missionaries too. Who would not regret dismissing them from their native shores without possessing talents for extended usefulness, such as the bounty of zealous christians could supply, such as the good Spirit of our God has singularly blessed?

That there are in the church eminent ministers of Christ whose opportunities of mental improvement have been small, furnishes occasion for holy joy. Never let human acquirements be regarded as indispensably necessary for pulpit duties. Should it however be inferred that mental improvement is of no moment, the inference is no more correct than that because sometimes God converts men by a thunder storm the ministry of the gospel may be laid aside. Ask those excellent men who, without literary aid, have become great in the church of Christ, their ideas of the value of education, and without an exception you will hear them deplore the want of it. If their eminence and usefulness have been great without learning, what would they have been had they possessed it? Who are the divines whose works stand in the world for the defence of the gospel, above all others? It need not be answered they were men signalized for the variety and extent of their erudition, as well as for their soundness in faith, the riches of their experience, and the purity of their conversation.

But learning makes men proud! Alas, such is the frailty of the human heart, that pride will spring as a noxious plant, whether the soil in which it grows be cultivated or not. Pride is not the associate of wisdom only. The most unlettered professors may sometimes be classed among the proudest. The preacher may be as proud, while from the pulpit he is inveighing against that learning which he does not possess, as he who before his congregation opens a thousand of its stores. Superficial literature may produce vanity; but sound learning, sanctified attainments, originate and maintain unaffected humility.

It is hoped that the churches of our denomination are becoming more and more convinced of the duty of assisting pious youths in their education; and do we need arguments to strengthen this conviction? Had ancient prophets their schools for the edification of their youth, and shall we not endeavour to have Naioths and Bethels now? Enemies of Christianity are employing learning for its overthrow, and shall not the champions of the Cross be assisted to meet them on equal ground? Did not much of the superstition and folly of the dark ages of the church arise from an unlettered ministry? Has not the reformation, under God, sprung from the intrepidity of men who have been as eminent for learning as for zeal and piety? Is it not the interest of the churches that their spiritual guides possess every possible qualification for advancing their knowledge of divine subjects? Have not the churches, already, realized many important advantages from the literary institutions which exist in our connexion? And ought not such considerations to animate to new and continued exertions?

Youth is undoubtedly the best period for mental improvement; not only because it is a season of inexperience, and freedom from care, but because the memory is then the most tenacious. The habits of study and reflection which are commenced in early life, usually become permanent. Early improvement promises extensive usefulness. Many young men in our churches are anxiously desirous to avail themselves of those advantages which a literary and theological institution supplies. They are not able to support the inevitable expenses of their subsistence, clothing, washing, books, &c. without the aid of their christian brethren. Let then the churches of Christ zealously exert themselves. How soon their worthy pastors that go in and out before them may be removed they cannot tell. Their liberality may be rewarded, richly rewarded, by obtaining from the candidates they have assisted equal successors in pastoral office. Let generous and pious individuals offer of their substance to the sanctuary of the Lord. Let the rich encourage education societies by their contributions and by their bequests. Such as have duplicates of useful works in their libraries are respectfully and importunately requested to favour this institution with their supernumerary volumes, towards the formation of a library for the use of its students.

The cause is the Lord's. Its aim is the prosperity of the churches; and its supporters will find ample consolation in committing the whole to the protection of the Supreme Head of the church, and in a holy and resolute perseverance to expend their talents and substance to the praise of his glory.

TRANSLATION OF THE SCRIPTURES INTO THE LANGUAGE OF BURMAH.

THE Baptist Board of Foreign Missions for the United States, with respectful and anxious importunity, address the friends of the holy scriptures. They rejoice that the day has arrived when thousands have their hearts engaged to give universal circulation to the sacred volume. The importance and efficiency of combined exertion are abundantly evinced, and afford encouragement for new endeavours.

Among other indications of human ignorance and misery, it is a fact deserving pity, and which should command beneficence, that the Burmans, a people upwards of 17,000,000 in number, are destitute of the Bible. Missionaries are at Rangoon, among whom is Rev. Mr. Judson, who has made himself master of the language, and is proceeding to translate the holy word; but what will a translation avail without the means of circulating it? Paper must be obtained, and expenses attendant on the printing encountered—and at this moment assistance is loudly called for. And will the christian world permit this important service to be impeded in its career? It is believed they will not! Bible societies, it is hoped, will afford their aid. Possibly translation societies may be formed, or at least private contributions and public collections obtained, which would immediately facilitate the design, and ultimately accomplish it. The Board affectionately request that their christian brethren will direct their immediate attention to this point, and communicate the sums they may obtain, as early as practicable, to John Cauldwell, Esq. the treasurer of the Board, to Rev. Luther Rice, its agent, or to

WM. STAUGHTON, *Cor. Sec.*

May 7, 1818.

SUBSTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD,

From the time of the meeting of the General Convention to the present time.

AT the quarterly meeting of the Board, on the first Monday in June 1817, pursuant to the recommendation of the Convention on the subject of education, a committee was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Drs. Staughton and Allison, and the Rev. Mr. Jones, seriously to consider the plan which had been offered to that body by their President, the Rev. Dr. Furman, and to report upon the subject.

The following is the result of the deliberations of said committee.

The committee appointed to consider the plan of education submitted to the Convention by the venerable President, the Rev. Dr. Furman, beg leave to report:

That, owing to the importance of the subject, and the necessity of waiting the openings of Providence, and the indications of the liberality of their brethren in

various parts of the union, they have not been able to return their ideas so fully, or so soon as they could have wished.

They approve, in the main, highly, of the plan the President proposed, and are of opinion that it will ultimately, in substance, probably in a few years, be found in successful operation. They, however, beg leave to state, that until it can be accomplished, and for its accomplishment very ample funds must be obtained, something may be done that will prepare the way for more comprehensive measures. As far as their information extends, and they believe their information correct, many worthy and wealthy friends of Zion are waiting for an opportunity to contribute of their substance for the tuition of pious young men. Were a system commenced, they think several thousands of dollars might easily be collected. At least they feel it a duty respectfully to recommend a trial. If at first the resources were small, they would hope that, like a rill from the foot of a mountain, they would gradually and greatly increase.

The committee believe that no adequate reason can be assigned for farther delay. The public are entitled to expect some vigorous attempt on the part of the Board. For this they are anxiously looking. The Convention has left this business to their sacred charge. Numerous youth are waiting to avail themselves of the privileges of a literary and theological Institution, and the widening sphere of missionary effort already undertaken, renders an accession of godly and educated youth highly desirable. The liberal spirit of the times the committee regards as very favourable to immediate exertion, and they cannot but hope that the blessing of the Lord will accompany an attempt designed, so immediately, for the glory of his holy name.

WM. STAUGHTON,
BURGISS ALLISON,
HORATIO G. JONES.

At the quarterly meeting of the Board the first Monday in September last, as it appeared that the American Baptist Magazine and Missionary Intelligencer, recommended to general patronage by the Convention, and designed by the Board, as in part proprietor, to be extensively circulated through the west and south-west, could not be thus circulated without expense instead of profit to the funds; therefore,

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to write to the Editors of the Magazine on the subject, and that brother Rice also be instructed to proceed to the eastward as soon as practicable to see the members of the Board, particularly in New-York and Boston, about this matter; to acquaint them in detail with our views, and learn theirs, relative to the issuing of a periodical publication under the auspices of the Board, designed to circulate missionary intelligence.

Resolved, That a Circular by the Corresponding Secretary be sent to the Mission Societies, Associations, &c. exhibiting the general views and operations of the Board, and particularly what they have done in relation to the western Indians, and the measures they have yet in contemplation.

A letter was received from the Rev. Isaac M'Coy in reply to a communication to him, stating his willingness to accept a missionary appointment on the Wabash; whereupon,

Resolved, That he be appointed to that service, and allowed \$500 a year, to

enable him to carry forward his operations, if possible, among the aborigines in that quarter; and that the Corresponding Secretary be requested to write to him accordingly.

A communication was received from the Baptist Education Society in this place, expressing their willingness to co-operate with the Board in the business of education: which was referred to the committee on this subject appointed at a former meeting.

At a meeting of the Board the 6th of October, a communication from the Editors of the American Baptist Magazine, on the subject of a periodical publication by this body being read, and the subject having been fully discussed,

Resolved, unanimously, That this Board enter as soon as convenient upon the prosecution of such a work.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to carry the above resolution into effect; and that brethren Staughton, Allison, Jones, and Rice be that committee.

At a meeting of the Board October 13, a letter was received from the Editors of the Magazine, explicitly announcing their acquiescence in the publication of a periodical work by the Board.

A letter from the Rev. Humphrey Posey relative to missionary labours among the Cherokee Indians was read, whereupon,

Resolved, That he be employed in that service, and allowed \$500 a year to enable him to carry forward his operations with vigour and effect.

At a meeting of the Board Dec. 18th, letters from our missionaries at Rangoon, brethren Judson and Hovey, dated in March and June 1817, communicating most important and interesting intelligence respecting the state of the mission in Burmah, were read.

Also was read, a letter from the Rev. Dr. Carey at Serampore, with which the Board was highly pleased.

A letter from the Rev. Wm. Ward, Serampore, acknowledging the receipt of \$1000 for the translation of the scriptures, and \$1000 for the use of the missionaries at Rangoon, was read.

[These have been published in the first number of the Luminary.]

Resolved, unanimously, That in future our transmissions of money to our missionary brethren in the east, shall be one year in anticipation of their demands.

A letter from brother Judson being read, conveying very important information relative to the translation of the bible into the Burman language, and the operations of the press in that empire,

Resolved, unanimously, That the Corresponding Secretary communicate to him with how lively an interest the Board enter into his feelings, and appreciate his labours; and that brethren Staughton and Jones be a committee to devise and bring into effect measures for promoting the translation of the scriptures into the language of Burmah, and to facilitate and enlarge the operations of the press in that country.

Brother Judson having stated the inconvenience resulting from the remote and secluded situation of the mission-house, which prevents that instruction of the natives which might be given in familiar intercourse, and having expressed his wish that they might be enabled to build a house in or near Rangoon;

Resolved, unanimously, That \$1500 be appropriated for that purpose.

A letter was received from Thomas L. M'Kenney Esq. Superintendent of Indian

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Trade, declaring his readiness to co-operate in the measures adopted by the Board relative to the instruction of the Indians; whereupon,

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of the Board be presented to Thomas L. McKenney Esq. for his kind and zealous attention to the concerns referred to him by the Board.

At a meeting of the Board the 4th of February, 1818, a communication was received from the Agent relative to the subscription papers, and the means of extensively circulating the Latter Day Luminary; referred to a committee for consideration, viz. brethren Staughton, Peckworth, and Curwen.

The committee, after mature deliberation, reported, that they recommend the subscription paper submitted by our Agent, and that he be authorized to employ assistant agents in certain cases to arrange the business for obtaining subscribers and circulating the Luminary in particular sections of the country.

Resolved, unanimously, That this report be accepted.

Resolved, That the attention of the Board be directed to the obtaining of a suitable person, to commence a school among the Chickasaw tribe of Indians.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD, APRIL 29, 1818.

At this meeting were present:—THOMAS SHIELDS Esq. 1st Vice President, WILLIAM STAUGHTON D. D. Corresponding Secretary, Rev. HORATIO G. JONES, Recording Secretary; Rev. JAMES M'LAUGHLIN, Rev. JOHN P. PECKWORTH, and Mr. JOHN BRADLEY of Philadelphia; Rev. THOMAS ROBERTS, and Mr. GEORGE F. CURWEN near Philadelphia; Rev. JOHN HEALEY of Baltimore; Rev. SPENCER H. CONE of Alexandria; and Rev. ELISHA CUSHMAN of Hartford, Connecticut.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Healey.

The Rev. Mr. JUDSON of Plymouth, Mass. father of the Rev. ADONIRAM JUDSON, missionary at Rangoon; the Rev. Mr. CHASE from Vermont; the Rev. Mr. BRIGGS, from Hudson, N. Y. and the Agent of the Board, Mr. RICE, being present, were invited to sit with the Board.

The proceedings of the Board from the time of the late triennial Convention were read.

A general letter from the Agent of the Board was communicated by the Corresponding Secretary.

Burman Mission.

An account of the expenditures attending the outfit and passages of brethren Wheelock and Colman for Burmah, transmitted by the Rev. Dr. Baldwin, chairman of the eastern Committee to whom this business had been referred, was laid before the Board, and gave great satisfaction.

An appropriation of \$1500 voted at a former meeting for the purpose of enabling the missionaries to procure or build a house, greatly needed for their accommodation and usefulness in Rangoon, or quite near it, was considered; and the Board, under a persuasion of the importance of the object, expressed a willingness to enlarge the sum should that appropriation be found insufficient.

Resolved, That all the monies now in the hands of the Treasurer specially designated for the translation of the scriptures, and the additional sum of \$1000 be transmitted to India for the use of our missionaries in the translation and printing department of the mission.

Resolved, That the Publishing Committee be instructed to prepare and publish an address on the subject of the translation of the scriptures into the language of Burmah, and the operations of the press in that empire.

A letter from the Rev. Jonathan Price, soliciting the patronage of the Board as a missionary to Burmah, with the view of going to that country in the character of a physician, was communicated by the Corresponding Secretary.

Resolved, That he be requested to present himself for examination at the next meeting of the Board, and that, if approved, he be accepted, and instructed to enter, as our missionary, upon the study of medicine.

Western Mission.

A LETTER from the Rev. Mr. Ranaldson, communicating very important information from Louisiana, and soliciting additional missionary aid, transmitting at the same time five hundred dollars from the Mississippi Mission Society, was read; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary convey through Mr. Ranaldson, to the aforesaid Mission Society, our grateful acknowledgment for their liberal aid, and that the Board will find pleasure in sending more missionaries into that quarter as soon as practicable; and that the Secretary also make known to Mr. Ranaldson the high opinion we entertain of his useful and active services in Louisiana.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. Posey, missionary among the Cherokees, was read, giving an interesting description of the country and the natives where he labours. He has set up four schools for the instruction of the Indian children, at an expense of forty dollars per quarter for each assistant teacher.

Resolved, That it is expedient to support these schools.

The mission to St. Louis was taken into consideration. Letters from brethren Peck and Welch at that station, of a very interesting nature, and very satisfactory, together with a transcript from their journal, were laid before the Board. In reply to these communications,

Resolved, That the Board regard with the warmest approbation their solemn articles of agreement in a missionary family or society; that we possess a lively satisfaction that they have, by the mercy of the Lord, succeeded in forming a church in that place, and are taking measures for the erection of a place for public worship; and that, in relation to Indian schools, the Board earnestly press upon them to prosecute the measure to the utmost. They conceive, however, that such schools will be best supported in the vicinity of the tribes, as this will be most likely to excite a desire after education generally, and to satisfy such desire. In special cases some might with advantage be instructed in the higher branches of learning, to qualify them to teach others.

Resolved, That, conformably with the importunate pleadings of the missionaries at St. Louis, for more labourers in that field, the Board will send others into that quarter as soon as practicable.

A communication from the Rev. Mr. McCoy was referred to the next meeting of the Board, in the expectation that further information from him will then have come to hand.

Brethren Cone and Cushman were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Agent.

This committee reported that, upon careful examination, they found that the

Agent had received 5443 dollars and 57 cents ; that the expenditures connected with the business allotted him, amounted to 1963 dollars and 67 cents. All appeared correct, and displayed great minuteness and accuracy.

Resolved, That, conformably to a request of the Treasurer, John Cauldwell Esq. of New York, whose indisposition did not permit him to meet with the Board, a committee be appointed to audit his accounts in that city ; and that the Rev. Messrs. Cone, Williams, and Maclay be that committee.

Institution to Promote Education.

PURSUANT to the recommendation on the part of the Convention, of the plan submitted to that body by the President, and the report of the committee to whom that important subject had been referred,

Resolved, unanimously, That it is expedient to enter actively into the prosecution of vigorous measures to improve the education of pious young men, possessed of gifts and graces suited, in the judgment of the churches, to the christian ministry.

Resolved, unanimously, That, in addition to the co-operation proffered by the Baptist Education Society in Philadelphia, a union with which, it is believed, may prove a germ whence many important advantages may grow, the education societies existing in different parts of our country be affectionately invited also to co-operate in the present effort to accomplish the important object in view.

Resolved, unanimously, That the Agent be instructed to encourage the formation of other education societies, auxiliary if they think proper to the Institution connected with the Board ; and that he make such collections, and obtain such donations, as he may be able, for the advancement of this interesting concern.

Resolved, unanimously, That a committee of five be appointed to make arrangements with the Education Society relative to the Institution contemplated, and to carry the intentions of the Board into full effect ; and that brethren Staughton, M'Laughlin, Jones, Peckworth, and Curwen be that committee.

Resolved, unanimously, That the Rev. Dr. Staughton be appointed Principal in the Institution, and the Rev. Ira Chase, a young brother of piety, talents and learning, Professor of Languages and Biblical Literature.

Resolved, unanimously, That, inasmuch as the enlarging of the missionary operations, the editing of the Luminary, and the concerns of the Institution for improving the education of pious young men called to the ministry, make great and increasing demands on the time of the Corresponding Secretary, the Agent be authorized and instructed to press his solicitations for augmenting the special fund provided for in the constitution for this department, and at discretion request public contributions for this object ; and that wealthy and liberal individuals, and the public at large, be invited to aid this important design.

Resolved, That the Rev. H. G. Jones prepare an address, and that the Publishing Committee issue without delay the annual Report. Adjourned.

TABLE OF ASSOCIATIONS.

Associations.	Sta.	C.	M.	Bap.	Tot.	Correspondents.	Times of meetings.	Places of meeting.
Bowdoinham	Me.	36	31	301	2090	Thomas Francis, Leeds, Kennebec co.	4 Wed. 23 Septem.	M. h. 2d ch. in Bowdoin
Lincoln	Me.	52	35	2967		Phine. Pillsbury, Nobleboro, Lincoln co.	3 Wed. 16 Sept.	Last min. not receiv'd
Cumberland	Me.	26	24	470	1902	John Tripp, Hebron, Cumberland co.	Wd. af. 4 Wd. 30 Sep.	Portland, Cumber. co.
New Hamp.	N. H.	29	26	60	2051	Timothy Hodson, Hollis, York co. Me.	2d Wedn. 10 June.	Wells, 1 par. York co. Me.
Mercedith	N. H.	9	11	26	1004	Steph. Pillsbury, Hebron, Grafton co.	2 Wednes. 9 Sept.	Lyme, Grafton co.
Dublin	N. H.	16	11	48	775	Jno. Parkhurst, New Ipswich, Hills. co.	3 Wednes. 20 Oct.	Westmoreld, Ches. co.
Shaftsbury	Vt.	32	23	510	3563	Elij. F. Willey, Lansingbg. Renss. c. N. Y.	1 Wednes. 3 June.	Shaftsbr'y, Bengtu. co.
Woodstock	Vt.	25	24	178	2041	Gen. Abner Forbes, Windsor, Wind. c.	Last Wed. 30 Sep.	New Lon. New Hamp.
Vermont	Vt.	27	20	866	1840	John Conant Esq. Brandon, Rutland c.	1 Wednes. 7 Oct.	Poultney, Rut. county
Fairfield	Vt.	15	6	209	848	Roswell Meers, Georgia, Franklin co.	Last Wed. 26 Aug.	Enosbrg. Franklin co.
Barre	Vt.	13	6	65	453	Elij. Huntington, Braintree, Orange c.	3 Wednes. 16 Sept.	Bethel meeting, house
Danville	Vt.	7	5	124	207	Daniel Mason, Craftsbury, Orleans co.	3 Wedn. 17 June.	St. Johnsbury ch. Barre
Leyden	Ms.	26	23		1746	Elij. Montague, Leverett, Franklin co.	2 Wed. 14 Oct.	Last min. not receiv'd
Sturbridge	Ms.	25	24	150	2033	Zenas L. Leonard, Sturbridge, Wor. c.	Last Wed. 26 Aug.	Sturbridge, Worces. c.
Boston	Ms.	35	28	399	3609	Lucius Bolles, Salem, Essex county.	3 Wed. 16 Septem.	Woburn, Middlesex co.
Westfield	Ms.	10	8	76	813	Elij. Arnold, Westfield, Hampshire co.	1st Wednes. 2 Septem.	Russell.
Warren	R. I.	39	37	251	4752	Nathan Waterman Esq. Providence.	Tu. af. 1 Wd. 8 Sep.	Bridgewater, Plymco. Ms.
Yearly Meet.	R. I.	17	14		1395	Philip Slade, Swansey, Bristol co. Mas.	Fri. b. 2 Sab. 11 Sep.	Last min. not receiv'd
New London	Ct.	16	23	226	2044	Jona. Goodwin, Mansfield, Wind. co.	3 Tuesday 20 Oct.	2 ch. Saybrook, Mid. co.
Stonington, Un.	Ct.	10	11	45	1452	Roswell Burrows, Groton, N. Lon. co.	Wd. af. 3 Sab. 24 Ju.	Ft. Hill, 2d Gro. N. Lon.
Hartford	Ct.	26	22	114	2126	Elisha Cushman, Hartford, Hartford c.	1st Wednes. 7 Oct.	Bristol, Hartford co.
New York	N. Y.	25	20	135	1775	William Parkinson, New York c.	Last Wed. 27 May.	Scotch Plains, Essex. N. J.
Warwick	N. Y.	19	10		1493	Aaron Perkins, near Poughkeepsie.	1 Wed. 3 June.	Last min. not receiv'd
Otsego	N. Y.	30	13	409	2090	Caleb Douglass, Whitestown, Oneida c.	1st Wednes. 2 Sep.	2d ch. Burigtn, Otsego
Chemung	N. Y.	14	13		719	Th. Smiley, near Milton, Northum. co.	1 Wed. 7 Oct.	Last min. not receiv'd
Rensselaerv.	N. Y.	18	16	69	1341	Dea. Hiland Hill, Catskill, Green co.	2nd Wedn. 14 Oct.	Lexington, Green co.
Cayuga	N. Y.	22	19		3010	Elkanah Comstock, Owaseo, Cayuga c.	3 Wed. 16 Sep.	Last min. not receiv'd
Essex	N. Y.	7	2		426	Ely Stone, Jay, Essex co. New York.	3 Wed. 21 Oct.	Last min. not receiv'd
Saratoga	N. Y.	23	17	773	3479	Edward Barber, Greenwich, Wash. co.	Last Wed. 24 June.	Balls, Springs, Saratog.
Black River	N. Y.	17	12	239	1163	Emory Osgood, Naples in Hender, Jeff. c.	2nd Wed. 10 June.	Watertown, Jeff. co.
Madison	N. Y.	44	33	870	4360	John Peck, Cazenovia, Madison co.	2nd Wedn. 9 Sep.	Delphi in Pny. Onond.
Lake George	N. Y.	5	4	64	243	Jehiel Fox, Chester, Warren county.	3 Wed. 16 Sep.	Athol.
Union	N. Y.	13	9	30	854	Job Foss, Dover, Dutchess county.	1 Wed. 2 Sep.	N. m. h. Stamford. Ct.
Franklin	N. Y.	20	18		1794	John Bostwick, Hartwick, Otsego co.	3 Wed. 17 June	Last min. not receiv'd
Holland Pur.	N. Y.	14	4		495	Joy Handy, Fredonia, Chatauge co.	Last Wd. 27 Aug.	Last min. not receiv'd
St. Lawrence	N. Y.	5	4		89	Jona. Paine, Gouverneur, St. Law. co.	3 Wed. 20 Jan.	Last min. not receiv'd
Ontario	N. Y.	48	23	437	2711	Solomon Goodale, Bristol, Ontario co.	4th Wedn. 23 Sep.	Mendon, Ontario co.
Hudson Riv.	N. Y.	6	9	273	1267	Lew. Leonard, Poughkeepsie, Dutch. c.	1st Wedn. 5 Aug.	Mulbry. st. m. h. N. Y.
New Jersey	N. J.	24	15	160	2000	Joseph Sheppard, Salem, Salem co.	3rd Tues. 15 Sep.	New Mills, Burling. co.
Philadelphia	Pa.	25	32	139	3184	George F. Curwen, Walnut Hill, Pa.	1st Tuesday 6 Oct.	Budd st. m. h. Philad.
Redstone	Pa.	30	24	54	1085	Jas. Estep, Mt. Pleasant, Westmore. c.	1 Tues. 1 Sept.	Connellsville, Fayette c.
Abington	Pa.	4	3	12	289	John Miller, Abington, Luzerne co.	1st Wednes. 2 Sep.	Bethany, Wayne co.
Delaware	De.	8	5		570	Daniel Dodge, Wilmington, Delaware.	Sat. b. 1 Sab. 6 June	Last min. not receiv'd
Salisbury	Md.	14	7		439	Stevens Woolford, jr. Fishing cr. Dor. c.	Sat. b. 4 Sab. 24 Oct.	Last min. not receiv'd
Baltimore	Md.	20	20	168	1206	Spencer H. Cone, Alexandria, Dist. Col.	Th. h. 2 Sb. 10 Sep.	Patapsco m. h. Balt. co.
Ketoekton	Va.	38	14	154	2382	Thornton Stringfellow, Fauquier co.	Th. h. 3 Sab. 13 Aug.	Grove m. h. Fauqr. co.
Strawberry	Va.	21	10			John S. Lee, Lynchburgh, Campbell c.	As year before.	Not known.
Dover	Va.	43	30			John Bryce, Richmond, Virginia	2nd Saturd. 10 Oct.	Matthews m. h. Mat. co.
Middle Dist.	Va.	9	9			Benjamin Watkins, Powhatan county.	2nd Sat. 10 Oct.	Liberty m. h. Amelia co.
Roanoke	Va.	30	19		2840	Jno. Jenkins, n. Grasty's store, Pittsylv. c.	As year before.	Last min. not receiv'd
Portsmouth	Va.	21	15	263	2321	James Mitchell, Norfolk, Virginia.	Sat. b. 2 Sab. 13 June.	Norfolk, Norfolk co. Va.
Albemarle	Va.	11	11			Martin Dawson, n. Warren, Albem. co.	As year before.	Last min. not receiv'd
Goshen	Va.	26	15			Abraham Waller, Spottsylvania county.	1st Saturd. 5 Sep.	Foster's Cr. Louisa co.
Shiloh	Va.	20	13	54	1625	Richard I. Tutt, Esq. Culpepper co.	Fri. b. 1st Sab. 4 Sep.	Smith's cr. m. h. Shen. co.
New River	Va.	8	5		325	Jesse Jones, W. Fork, Lit. Riv. Mont. c.	2nd Sat. 13 June.	Jack's cr. Montgom. c.
Mayho	Va.	15	14			Benj. Fewel, Rockingham co. N. C.	As year before.	Last min. not receiv'd
Appomattox	Va.	15	15			Rick. Dubbs, n. Keysville, Charlot. co.	Sat. b. 1st Sab. 2 May	Bucking. m. h. Buck. co.
Meherrin	Va.	15	8	130	571	Dea. J. Saunders, n. Percival's, Bruns. c.	Sat. b. 4 Sab. 25 Apr.	Laurel Hill, Lunbg. co.
Union	Va.	18	9	44	517	Joshua Hickman, near Morgantown.	Fri. b. last Sab. 29 Au.	Buckhaman, Harlan c.
Green Brier	Va.	5	5		149	Josiah Osborne, Lewisbg, Green B. co.	Fri. b. 2 Sab. 11 Sep.	Big Levels Church
Accomaek	Va.	6	5	57	671	William Costin, Lower Northampton.	Sat. 3 Sab. 15 Aug.	Metompkin m. h. At. c.
Washington	Va.	15	6	23	533	Elij. Gillingwaters, Esq. Washing. co.	2nd Friday 11 Sep.	N. Fork m. h. Wash. co.
Teass Valley	Va.	12	7		494	John Young, n. Greensburg, Ky.	Fri. b. 4 Sab. 21 Au.	Last min. not receiv'd
Sandy Creek	N. C.	14	14		704	Robt. T. Daniel, n. Pittsboro, Chatham c.	4 Sat. 24 Oct.	Last min. not receiv'd
Kehukee	N. C.	31	18	48	1739	Jesse Read, n. Halifax, Halifax co.	Sat. b. 1st Sab. 3 Oct.	Skewark'y m. h. Mar. co.
Yadkin	N. C.	19	12		598	Thos. Wright, Esq. Hamptonville, S. c.	1st Sat. 3 October.	Bethell m. h. Iredell co.
Flat River	N. C.	11	6	47	1108	Elisha Battle, Oxford, Grenville co.	Sat. b. 3 Sab. 17 Oct.	Cedar Creek m. h. Boone
Neuse	N. C.	22	5		1040	Wm. P. Biddle, n. Newbern, Craven co.	Sat. b. 3 Sab. 17 Oct.	Sandy Bottom, Lenoir

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Associations.	Sts.	C.	M	Bap	Tot.	Correspondents.	Times of meetings.	Places of meetings.
Mountain	N. C.	14	12		646	Reuben Coffey, n. Ft. Defiance, Wil. c.	4th Sat. 22 Aug.	Mulberry m.h. Wkes. c.
Cape Fear	N. C.	29	8	48	1476	Charles M'Allister, Esq. n. Fayettev.	Sat. b. 1 Sab. 3 Oct.	Limestone m.h. Dup. c.
Chowan	N. C.	22	13	138	2013	George Outlaw, Esq. Bertie county	Sat. b. 4 Sab. 23 May	Sawyers cr. m.h. Cam. c.
Country Line	N. C.	11	11		1031	Geo. Roberts, n. Brown's store, Cas. co.	3d Sat. 15 August	last m. not come to hand
Raleigh	N. C.	18	10	20	731	John Purify, near Raleigh, Wake co.	Sat. b. 2 Sab. 7 Nov.	Union m. h. Johnson c.
French Broad	N. C.	15	12		598	James Whitaker, Esq. Buncombe co.	Day b. 4 Sab. 22 Au.	last m. not come to hand
Pee Dee	N. C.	10	7		637	John Culpeper, n. Allentown, Montg. c.	Sat. b. 3 Sab. 17 Oct.	last m. not come to hand
Charleston	S. C.	37	27	262	3605	Wood Furman, Esq. Charleston, S. C.	Sat. b. 1 Sb. No. 31 Oct.	H. Hills of Sant. Cl. Dis.
Bethel	S. C.	36	29		2159	Sam. M'Creary, Beckanville, Ches. Dis.	Day b. 1 Sab. 3 Oct.	last m. not come to hand
Broad River	S. C.	26	18		1519	Wm. Lancaster, Esq. Mt. Astrea, S. D.	Fri. b. 3 Sab. 16 Oct.	last min. not received.
Saluda	S. C.	27	10	11	1143	James Crowther, Abbeville District	Sat. b. 2 Sab. 8 Aug.	Hopewell m.h. Pen. Dis.
Edgefield	S. C.	42	13	21	2445	Joseph King, Edgefield District	Sat. b. 3 Sab. 19 Sep.	Dry cr. m.h. Edge. Dis.
Moriah	S. C.					Mr. Pigg, Chester District	The minutes of this	have never been obt'd.
Georgia	Geo.	36	24	36	2951	Jesse Mercer, Powelton, Hancock co.	Sat. b. 2 Sab. 10 Oct.	Powelton, Hancock co.
Hephzibah	Geo.	31	19		1827	Charles I. Jenkins, Esq. n. Louisville	Sat. b. 4 Sab. 25 Sep.	last min. not obtained
Sarepta	Geo.	47	21	35	2830	Isham Goss, Oglethorpe county	Sat. b. 4 Sab. 24 Oct.	Mars Hill, Clarke co.
Savannah R.	Geo.	33	9	195	5771	Thos. S. Winn, Riceboro, Liberty co.	Sat. b. 4 Sab. 24 Oct.	H. Spring c. Barn. D. S. C
Ocmulgee	Geo.	39	21	26	2411	Francis Flournoy, Madison, Morg. co.	Sat. b. 1 Sab. 5 Sep.	Crooked cr. Putnam c.
Ebenezer	Geo.	19	11		681	Ezek. Taylor, Esq. n. Hartford, Pul. c.	Sat. b. 2 Sab. 12 Sep.	last min. not obtained
Piedmont	Geo.	5	2	3	109	Wilson Conner, Sareptah ch.	Sat. b. 2 Sab. 10 Oct.	Wesley cr. m.h. M'In. c.
Sunbury	Geo.					Charles O'Scriven, Sunbury, Liber. c.	Sat. b. 2 Sab. 7 Nov.	Sunbury, Liberty co.
Flint River	Ala.	22	16	9	1213	Willis Hopwood, n. Shelby v. Bed. c. T.	Sat. b. 1 Sab. 3 Oct.	Fount. cr. m.h. Mau. c. T.
Bigby	Ala.	5	3		118	Jacob Parker, Wayne county, Ala. T.	Sat. b. 1 Sab. 3 Oct.	last min. not obtained
Mississippi	Mis.	31	21		1144	Wm. Snodgrass, Esq. Natchez, Ad. co.	Sat. b. 3 Sab. 17 Oct.	last min. not obtained
Holston	Ten.	18	19	148	1085	Jona. Mulkey, Buffalo Ridge, Wash. c.	2d Fri. 14 August	County Line m.h. Gr. c.
Tennessee	Ten.	29	41	50	1675	W. Walker, on Clynch, 20 m. f. Knox v.	1st Sat. 3 October	Dumplin cr. m.h. Jef. c.
Cumberland	Ten.	29	30	26	1555	Garner M'Connico, n. Franklin, Wn. c.	Sat. b. 3 Sab. 19 Sep.	W. Harpeth m.h. Wm. c.
Red River	Ten.	24	22	36	1995	Sugg Fort, Port Royal, Montgomery c.	Sat. b. 2 Sab. 8 Au.	Barren Sp. Chris. co. K.
Elk River	Ten.	27	13	23	1412	Hardy Holeman, Lincoln county	2 Sat. 12 Septem.	New Hope m.h. Bedf. c.
Concord	Ten.	35	26	90	2372	R. C. Foster, Esq. Farmer's Joy, Dav. c.	Fr. b. 1 Sb. Au. 31 Jul	Wilson's cr. m.h. Wn. c.
Caney Fork	Ten.	11	12	17	472	George Dawson, Esq. Sparta, White c.	4 Sat. 26 Septem.	Parker's m.h. Bledsoe c.
to be formed	Ten.					Garner M'Connico, near Franklin	Sat. b. 1 Sab. 5 Sep.	Barton's creek m.h. Te.
Elkhorn	Ky.	30	12	503	3205	Silas M. Noel, Oakley, Franklin co.	2 Sat. 8 August	S. Elkhorn m.h. Fay. c.
Salem	Ky.	31	12	153	1809	Gen. Joseph Lewis, Bardstown, Nel. c.	4 Fri. 25 Septem.	Simpson's cr. m.h. Nel. c.
Tate's Creek	Ky.	18	16	32	1153	Wm. Goodloe, Esq. n. Richmond, Ma. c.	4 Sat. 22 August	Mt. Nebo, Madison co.
Bracken	Ky.	15	12		958	Walter Warder, May's Lick, Mason c.	1 Sat. 5 Septem.	last min. not obtained
Green River	Ky.	17	9		1143	Mich. W. Hall, Esq. n. Glasgow, B. c.	Fri. b. 4 Sab. 24 Jul.	last min. not obtained
North Bend	Ky.	17	15		868	Abraham Graves, Bullsbg. Boone c.	4 Fri. 25 Septem.	last min. not obtained
North District	Ky.	21	11		1311	Jas. Mason, Esq. n. Mt. Sterling, M. c.	4 Sat. 25 July	last min. not obtained
South Dist.	Ky.	17	8	122	1164	Wm. Stirman, Perrysville, Mercer co.	3 Sat. 15 August	Union m.h. Mercer co.
Long Run	Ky.	33	26	621	3117	Geo. Waller, Buck creek, Shelby co.	1 Frid. 4 Septem.	Dinin's cr. m. New. H. c.
Russel's Cr.	Ky.	18	15	45	1019	J. Chandler, Stuart's cr. n. Campv. G. c.	3 Sat. 19 Septem.	Brush cr. m.h. Green c.
Stockton's V.	Ky.	15	8	17	762	Wm. Wood, Esq. Stockton's Val. Cum. c.	3 Sat. 15 August	Spring cr. m.h. Or. c. T.
Emancipat.	Ky.	7	9		213	Dav. Barrow, n. Mt. Sterling, Montg. c.	Sat. b. 2 Sab. 12 Sep.	Gilgal, Shelby county
Licking	Ky.	21	7	24	874	Ans. Dudley, n. Bryan's Sta. Fay. co.	2 Sat. 12 Septem.	Mill cr. m.h. Harrison c.
Cumb. River	Ky.	18	13	5	720	Thos. Paschal, Esq. Somerset, Pula. c.	1 Sat. 5 Septem.	Fishing cr. m.h. Pulas. c.
Gasper River	Ky.	25	18	12	1099	Dea. Ed. Collins, n. Russellville, Log. c.	Sat. b. 4 Sab. 22 Au.	Walton's cr. ch. Ohio c.
Little River	Ky.	31	29		1013	Thomas Ross, n. Dover, Stuart co. Te.	Sat. b. 3 Sab. 15 Au.	last min. not obtained
Burning Spr.	Ky.	12	10	3	359	Sam. Hanna, Buffalo Shoal, Floyd c.	1 Sat. 3 October	Red river m.h. Floyd c.
Union	Ky.	6	4		340	Arch. Vanhook, Esq. Cynthia, Har. c.	3 Sat. 19 Septem.	last min. not obtained
Franklin	Ky.	12	9	351	1083	John Scott, n. Port William, Gallatin c.	1 Fri. 7 August	S. Benson m.h. Frank. c.
Union-south	Ky.	8	5		242	Peter Engle, Esq. Barbourville, Kn. c.	Fri. b. 4 Sat. 25 Sep.	Barbourville, Knox co.
new one.	Ky.					James H. L. Moorman, Breckenridge c.	Time of meet. not	known, min. not rec'd.
Miami	Ohio	28	14		1083	John Mason, Sugar creek, Warren co.	Sat. b. 2 Sab. 12 Sep.	last min. not obtained
Scioto	Ohio	13	10	27	457	Sam. Comer, n. Lancaster, Fairfield c.	Sat. b. 4 Sab. 26 Sep.	Deer cr. m.h. Ross co.
Beaver	Ohio	18	9	66	701	Wm. West, Youngstown, Trumbull co.	Th. b. 4 Sab. 20 Au.	Wooster ch. Wayne co.
Straight Cr.	Ohio	6	4		103	Thos. Ellrod, n. West Union, Adams c.	Fri. b. 4 Sab. 21 Au.	last min. not obtained
Muskingum	Ohio	16	12	70	684	Jacob Drake, Delaware, Delaware co.	Th. b. 4 Sab. 20 Au.	Hopewell ch. Fairfd. c.
Mad River	Ohio	14	14		366	John Thomas, Urbanna, Champaign co.	Fri. b. 3 Sab. 18 Sep.	last min. not obtained
Little Miami	Ohio	8	4	47	381	James Jones, Indian Hill, Hamilton c.	Sat. b. 1 Sab. 5 Sep.	Clough—co. not known
Grand River	Ohio	5	4		160	Azariah Hanks, Chardon, Geauga co.	2 Wed. 9 Septem.	Kinsville—co. unknown
Wabash	Ind.	12	7	20	380	Isaac M'Coy, n. Vincennes, Knox co.	Sat. b. 1 Sab. 3 Oc.	Patoka m.h. Gibson co.
White Water	Ind.	18	12		998	Ezra Ferris, Lawrenceburg, Dearb. c.	Fri. b. 2. Sat. 7 Au.	last min. not obtained
Silver Creek	Ind.	14	9	118	401	Rice G. M'Coy, Charleston, Clark co.	4 Sat. 22 August	Silver creek m. house
Blue River	Ind.	17	12	70	581	Jas. M'Coy, Esq. Salem, Washington c.	2 Sat. 12 Septem.	Sinking Sp. m.h. Wa. c.
Illinois	M. T.	9			216	John M. Peck, St. Louis, Missouri T.	Not known	min. not yet obtained
Missouri	M. T.	6			114	Jas. E. Welsh, St. Louis, Missouri T.	Fri. b. 4 Sat. 21 Oc.	Femme Osage, St. Ch. c.
Sab. Gen. Con.	US. A.	10	11		1934	William Stillman, Hopkinton, R. Isl.	Th. b. 2 Sab. 10 Sep.	last min. not obtained

* * Bethel, 7 churches, Missouri Ter. Todd's Fork, 6 churches, Ohio. Total, 138 associations—2682 churches—1859 ministers—12,270 baptized—172,086 members in 125 associations; probably, in all the associations, 190,000.

BAPTIST BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS IN ACCOUNT WITH J. CAULDWELL, ESQ.
THEIR TREASURER.

		Dr.	D. C.
1817.			
May 10	To draft for Stationary, &c. to Dr. Staughton, (for 3 years)	-	54 00
10	do. for Sexton for attending Convention	-	11 06
10	do. Mess. Peck and Welch, Missionaries 1000—to two bad notes 10	1010 00	
June 5	Curcier & Co. as per order	-	360 00
28	Rev. L. Rice as per order 62 50—to a counterfeit Baltimore note 10	72 50	
July 9	freight, &c. of Reports 2 75—to order for printing Reports 498 56	501 31	
9	portorage of Reports	-	25
Aug. 18	cash draft for outfit of Messrs. Colman and Wheelock	-	400 00
Sept. 16	Mr. Rice as per order	-	15 00
Oct. 2	W. W. Woodward on account of Rev. J. A. Ranaldson	-	250 00
23	Exchange of Foreign notes	-	10 49
26	do. on a remittance from the Redstone Association	-	8 43
28	cash as per order of the Board, May 15	-	1560 00
28	do. for passage of Messrs C. & W. 800—to counterfeit n. Maryland 5	805 00	
Nov. 10	cash Messrs Judson & Hough, as per order of the Board, May 15	3000 00	
22	cash for 5000 New York State Stock Com. &c.	-	5087 69
24	loss on tickets from Catskill	-	2 81
Dec. 1	draft by the President	-	513 00
1818.			
Jan. 29	dolls. per ship Edward 3240—prem. on do. 113 40—commis. 8 32	3361 72	
29	shipping expense, &c.	-	3 00
Mar. 16	cash J. A. Ranaldson	-	250 00
19	cash Messrs. Peck and Welch	-	600 00
Apr. 16	Rev. Isaac M'Coy, Missionary, 109 50—postages 7 46½	-	116 96½
24	postage	-	54
May 4	dft. Rev. L. Rice 1967 67—to do. Rev. Mr. Cushman 34	-	2001 67
4	do. Mr. G. Curwin 20—to do. Rev. Mr. Healy 18—to do. S. H. Cone 24 56	-	62 56
4	balance due	-	3292 61½
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		Cr.	D. C.
1817.			
May 10	By balance due the Board	-	10051 63½
13	Rev. Dr. Furman from Mrs. H. Townsend, Charleston S. Carolina	-	100 00
13	Mr. Thomas Swain, New Mills, New Jersey, F. M. S.	-	114 66½
14	Rev. L. Rice, Washington Baptist Society, F. M. S.	-	300 00
21	Rev. S. Goodale, Ontario, N. Y. do.	-	62 00
21	Rev. A. Beebe, Skaneateles, Onondaga county, N. Y. F. M. S.	-	100 25
27	Rev. Jesse Mercer, Powelton, Hancock county, Geo. do.	-	550 00
27	do. do. do. Ocmulgee Baptist Society, Geo. do.	-	310 19
27	do. do. do. Sarepta do. Geo. do.	-	100 00
27	do. do. do. Georgia Association	-	57 00
29	A. Runyan, esq. East Jersey, F. M. S.	-	100 00
31	B. Hastings, esq. Westfield Association	-	7 00
June 2	L. S. Law, esq. Sunbury, Geo. F. M. S.	-	113 25
2	do. do. Female Mite do. do.	-	101 00
2	do. do. Coloured Brethren do.	-	21 00
2	Rev. B. Bates, Bristol and Newport Evangelical Society	-	13 00
30	J. Conant, esq. Vermont, Foreign Mission Society	-	150 00
30	do. do. Addison, Vt. do. do. do.	-	10 01
July 5	July quarter Interest on U. S. Stock	-	167 98
8	J. Wilson, esq. Worcester co. Mass.	-	100 00
14	Interest on Bank Shares	-	7 50
14	Rev. Dr. Furman, Charleston, from Rev. J. King, Edgefield Asso.	-	80 00
May 11	Rev. B. Watkins, Mid. Dist. Association, Powhattan county Va.	-	121 00
11	Rev. J. Bryce, Richmond Female Mission Society	-	250 00
Sept. 22	Hon. Mark Harris, Portland, Cumberland Female Mission Society	-	140 00
23	Hon. S. Eddy, Warren Asso. 48 77—to do. A. M. S. Providence	-	12 27

Amount carried up

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1817.		Amount brought up	13139	74½
Sept. 23	By Hon. S. Eddy, Individuals	-	-	3 00
26	Rev. J. Segar, Redstone Association, Penn.	-	-	167 00
Oct. 4	October quarter Interest on United States' Stock	-	-	167 98
13	J. Skelding, esq. Female Foreign Mission Society	-	-	71 50
13	Rev. William Gammel, Massachusetts' Female Mission Society	-	-	60 00
16	General A. Forbes, Windsor Union Society	-	-	200 00
20	Rev. Caleb Douglas, Utica, N. Y. do.	-	-	767 38
Nov. 14	Deacon H. Hill, Catskill Northern District Society	-	-	149 93
14	Mrs. K. Hill, Catskill Female do.	-	-	43 37
15	Rev. S. Goodale, Holland Purchase Association	-	-	65 70
15	do. do. Ontario do.	-	-	31 00
15	do. do. Female Society, Farmington	-	-	10 00
15	do. do. Ontario Female Mission Society	-	-	29 30
28	El. Parson, a donation from Abn. Mitchell, Turin, Lewis co. N.Y.	-	-	75 00
Dec. 2	Rev. L. Austin, Leyden F. Mission Society	-	-	100 00
24	James Löring, esq. Boston do. do.	-	-	500 00
1818.				
Jan. 2	Interest on United States' Stock	-	-	167 98
2	do. do. New York do.	-	-	75 00
2	Bank dividend	-	-	7 50
29	sale of 2000 6 per cent. 5½ deducting commission	-	-	2099 74
Feb. 17	Rev. J. Mercer, Powelton, Hancock county, Georgia	-	-	143 00
Apr. 1	Interest on Public Stock	-	-	212 98
3	D. Adams, esq. Charleston F. Mission Society	-	-	639 00
3	do. do. Mrs. M'Nair, towards a Theological Seminary	-	-	100 00
3	do. do. Mr. Lawson, translation	-	-	10 00
3	Rev. E. Barber, from an unknown person	-	-	2 00
10	Female Cent Society, Sunbury, Georgia	-	-	200 00
15	Rev. J. W. Griffith, Middleton, Rockland county, New York	-	-	20 00
22	John Torry, Western Con. donation	-	-	10 00
22	Joseph B. Gilbert, esq. Cont. Auxiliary Society	-	-	300 00
22	Mrs. H. Wildman, Stratfield Mite Society	-	-	40 00
24	Rev. William Brantly, Beaufort, South Carolina	-	-	50 00
24	Female Board of Foreign Missions, Fredericksburgh	-	-	100 00
24	Auxiliary Society at Chapawamsick	-	-	40 26
27	J. Wilson, esq. Mid. District Society, Poughkeepsie	-	-	100 00
28	Mr. E. Arnold, Westfield 12—do. sale of Reports 2	-	-	14 00
28	do. do. translation	-	-	1 00
May 4	Rev. L. Rice	-	-	3387 67
				23350 60½
May 4	Balance due the Board	-	-	3292 61½

We the subscribers being appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, do certify that we have carefully examined the receipts and expenditures as stated in the above accounts, and do find the balance in the hands of the Treasurer to be three thousand two hundred and ninety-two dollars sixty-one and a quarter cents, and also certificates of Stock in the hands of the Treasurer, amounting to fourteen thousand four hundred and ninety-nine dollars and fifty-four cents.

ARCHIBALD MACLAY,
JOHN WILLIAMS,
SPENCER H. CONE.

New York, May 4, 1818.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES, &c. &c.

New Hampshire,	The Foreign Mission Society in Hebron	-	-	5 -
	The Female Cent Society in Hebron	-	-	15 -
	The Foreign Mission Society in Lyme	-	-	7 50
	The Foreign Mission Society in Canaan	-	-	5 -
	The Female Cent Society in Canaan	-	-	8 -
	The Female Cent Society in Runney	-	-	4 64

These sums, with the addition of 9 86, have been sent by Mr. Pillsbury to the Treasurer. In Maine, besides the Societies mentioned last year, we notice, The Female Mite Society in Fayette; do. in Topsham; do. in Readfield; do. in Brunswick; and the Female Charitable Society in Wayne. These with others in that quarter send their contributions to Dr. Baldwin, Boston, through whose hands they go into the mission funds.

MONIES RECEIVED BY THE AGENT OF THE BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO
THE 9th OF MAY, 1817, AND ONWARD TO THE 30th OF APRIL, 1818, VIZ:

		D. C.
1817.		
May	10 By the hand of Gen. J. S. Gano, of Cincin. Ohio, from the Mad R. As. (omit. bef. by mis.)	46 00
	10 By letter, from the Washington Bap. Soc. for Foreign Missions, District of Columbia,	300 00
June	9 By Deacon George Allen, from the church in Burlington, New Jersey, for preaching,	2 00
	16 By collection, Salem, N. J. credited to the Baptist Missionary Society of New Jersey,	21 01
	16 By a worthy person of denom. of <i>Friends</i> 2—a man of col. 15 cts.—a woman of col. 6 cts.	2 21
	16 By El. Sheppard, from the congregation, for preaching, 12—two other persons 50 cts. each	13 00
	16 By sale of the third Annual Report of the Board, at different times and places,	1 25
July	28 By col. at the Green River Association, Sinking Creek church, Warren county, Ken.	34 00
August	1 By col. in the c. h. Carthage, Smith co. Ten. 18 85—by Mr. Nunley from a man of col. 25 cts.	19 10
	2 By Mr. Harris Bradford, Smith co. Ten. 10—by a m. preacher, to encourage mis. 25 cts.	10 25
	3 By col. at the Concord Association, Hickmans cr. Smith co. Ten. 25 52—by Mr. Brown 25 cts.	25 77
	10 By collection, at the White Water Association, Cedar Grove, Franklin county, Indiana,	46 25
	10 By Elder Ferris, from the church in Lawrenceburg 2—from Mr. Wm. Martin 1 do.	3 00
	10 By collection in the Baptist meeting house, Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio,	50 25
	11 By Gen. John S. Gano, Cincinnati, for the <i>Education Institution</i> ,	10 00
	12 By Mr. Hewitt, Georgetown, Ky. on being presented with a copy of Report 1—others 1 50	2 50
	13 By Mr. Ben. Stout, Lexington, Ky. per sale of Report 5 58—from others 75 cts.	6 33
	17 By collection at the Stockton's Valley Association, Mill Creek church, Barren county, Ky.	24 95
	18 By col. at the South Dis. Association, Salt R. Mercer co. Ky. (besides one the day before)	10 88
	18 By sale of Report at South District Association 5 87—by M. Smith 2, Kentucky,	7 87
	20 By the hand of Jas. Mason, esq. Montg. co. Ky. from Mr. Nolin for third Report of the Board	50
	21 By capt. Harrison, Mount Sterling, Montgomery co. Ky. 5 <i>personal</i> , 5 for the mission, &c.	10 00
	23 By col. at the Teass' Valley Association, Storms cr. ch. Ohio 28 89—J. Morris 2, <i>personal</i> ,	30 89
	27 By EL. T. Buck, Rockingham co. Va. on being presented with Report 1—others elsewhere 1	2 00
Sept.	6 By collection, at the Shiloh Association, Robertson R. Madison co. Va. 41 46—Report 3	44 46
	8 By collection, at the Goshen Association, Zion, Orange co. Va. 122 56—by Mrs. Taylor 1	123 56
	8 By hand of Elder Hiter, from a lady 6 25—another lady 5—another lady 5—Report 6	75 23 00
	12 By col. at the Baltimore Association, Sideling Hill, Bedford co. Pa. 4 89, sale of Report 1	25 6 14
	17 By col. at the New Jersey Association, Trenton, N. J. credit the Bap. Mission So. of N. J.	17 81
	By the hand of Elder Boswell, Trenton, N. J. afterwards, to be added to the same col.	1 50
	24 By col. in the Bap. m. h. Woburn, Ms. 7 18—by a lady 5—another 50 cts. Report 25 cts.	12 93
October	2 By collection at the Hartford Association, Wethersfield, Hartford county, Connecticut,	22 00
	8 By collection, at the Philadelphia Association, Southampton, Bucks county, Pennsylvania,	35 50
	13 By collection, and added afterwards, at the Dover Association, King and Queen co. Va.	272 72
	17 By Wm. Wilson, esq. Treasurer of the Baltimore Mission Society, Baltimore, Md.	29 54
	19 By collection in the Baptist meeting house, Wilmington, Newcastle co. Delaware,	8 38
	26 By collection, Laurel, Sussex county, Delaware, in the methodist meeting house,	4 95
	27 By collection, at the Salisbury Association, and part of the col. for visiting ministers,	20 94
Nov.	4 By persons at a m. at Mr. Red's, 5 87 Caroline co. Va.—Mr. T. Nelson 5, Hanover co. Va.	10 87
	4 By Mrs. Price 1—Miss Robinson 2—another person 50 cts. Hanover co. Va.	3 50
	4 By Mrs. F. Greenhow, 4 50—and Miss Mary Daniel 3, for <i>education</i> —two Reports 50 cts.	8 00
	9 By col. at the Raleigh Association, at the Cross Roads meeting house, Wake co. N. C.	37 19
	11 By Rev. Elisha Battle, Battle Hall, Granville county, North Carolina,	1 50
	12 By Rev. Wm. Richards 2—Mrs. Richards 1—near Spanish Grove, Mecklenberg co. Va.	3 00
	17 By col. in a me. m. h. 6 13 Harrisonburg, Rockingham co. Va.—Rev. D. Baker, presb. 2	8 13
	19 By Ant. Miller 50 cts.—Wm. Warder 50 cts. <i>Luminary</i> , near Finville Mills, Hardy co. Va.	1 00
	23 By col. in a Presb. m. h. Pittsburg, Pa. 46 60—hand of Mr. Belden 50 cts.—Mr. Prentice 3,	50 10
	24 By collection, in the court house, Washington, Washington county, Pennsylvania,	12 24
	25 By collection, at an evening meeting in Wheeling, Ohio county, Virginia,	9 62
	27 By collection, at an evening meeting in the Presbyterian m. h. Zanesville, Ohio,	11 90
	30 By col. Chillicothe, Ohio, 23 50—a little boy for the missionaries 25 cts.—another 50 cts.	24 25
Dec.	1 By persons at an evening meeting 4—Mr. Armstrong 5—Mr. Luckey 3—West Union, Ohio,	12 00
	2 By Mr. Wheatley 50 cts.—persons at a meeting, Maysville, Ky. 5 50—Washington do.	10 16 00
	2 By Rev. Robert Wilson, Washington, Mason county, Kentucky, for the <i>Luminary</i> ,	1 00
	5 By persons at an evening m. Georgetown, Ky. 6—Col. J. Johnson, Great Crossings 10,	16 00
	7 By persons at Shawney Run meeting 4 56—Harrodsburg 3 57—Capt. Moore 5, Ky.	13 13
	8 By persons at an evening meeting, Bardstown, Nelson county, Kentucky,	6 75
	9 By collection, in the methodist meeting house, Louisville, Jefferson county, Kentucky,	23 10
	10 By collection, in the methodist meeting house, Shelbyville, Shelby county, Kentucky,	16 00
	12 By collection, Versailles 13—collection in the Presbyterian m. h. Frankfort 47 43	60 43
	15 By collection in the Lancasterian school room, Lexington, Fayette county Kentucky,	25 44
	15 By persons at an evening meeting, Richmond, Madison co. Ky. 13 63—Mr. Joseph Lees 4,	17 63
	16 By Mrs. Barnett, Madison county, Kentucky, 1—Wm. Wood, esq. for Reports 1	2 00
	17 By persons at an evening meeting, Campbellsville, Green county, Kentucky,	4 25
	18 By persons at an evening meeting, Glasgow, Barren county, Kentucky,	13 62
	21 By collection, of which 2 are for the African mission, Nashville, Davidson co. Ten.	25 38

Amount carried up - - - - - 1736 47

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1817.	Amount brought up	1736 47
21	By Elder James Whitsett, from the West Tennessee Baptist Auxiliary Mission Society,	50 00
22	By collection at an evening meeting in Franklin, Williamson county, Tennessee	30 50
23	By Elder McConico, for Report 20—collection in Murfreesborough, 10 50, Tennessee	30 50
24	By Solomon Beasley, esq. near Murfreesborough, Rutherford county, Tennessee	1 00
27	By Mrs. Lewis near Nashville, Ten. 3 75—sale of Reports of the Board, 50 cts.	4 25
28	By persons at Cedar Lick meeting, Wilson co. 3 20—Mr. Bettis, near Lebanon, 1—others 1	5 20
28	By Thomas Edwards, Lebanon, Wilson co. 4—Henry H. Howell 1—Mrs. Bartlett 50 cts.	5 50
29	By persons at an evening meeting at Capt. Dale's, Liberty, Smith county, Ten.	2 50
30	By persons at an evening meeting 3 77—Mr. Dawson 2—Report 50 cts. Sparta, Ten.	6 27
1818.		
January	2 By Elder West Walker, Knox co. Te. on a subscription for the Luminary	9 50
	3 By collection in the methodist m. h. Knoxville, Te. 7—Rev. Mr. Sherman, 5	12 00
	4 By persons at a meeting at Col. Roddy's, Jefferson co. Tennessee	2 00
	4 By Dr. Deadrick, secretary of Holston Association Mission Society, auxil. to the Board	193 00
	4 By Elder Isaac Barton, near Panther springs, Jefferson co. Te. for Luminary	1 35
	5 By sale of Reports 75 cts.—collection 13 06, Jonesboro, Washington co. Te.	13 81
	6 By Mr. King, near Blountville, Te. 5—collection in Blountville, 10 14	15 14
	8 By E. Gillingwaters, esq. from Elders Thomas Colley and Wm. Laswell, Va. for Report	1 00
	8 By Mr. Hubbell, after preaching, 1—Mrs. Hubbell, 1—another 50 cts—another 13 W. co. Va.	2 63
	12 By Mr. William Holmes, near Newbern, Montgomery co. Va.	62
	14 By persons after preaching, at the house of Mr. A. Dempsey, Finecastle, Botetourt co. Va.	1 38
	15 By persons at a m. at Mr. Jac. Eckhols, Liberty, Bedford co. Va. 8 65—another 1 afterwards	9 65
	16 By Mr. Eckhols 2—and from Rev. Mr. Leftwich 5—on a subscription for the Luminary	7 00
	16 By persons, after preaching, at the house of Mr. J. Teass, New London, Campbell co. Va.	3 25
	17 By the hand of the Rev. John S. Lee, Lynchburg, Campbell co. Va. from a lady	5 00
	18 By col. in the Presbyterian m. h. Lynchburg, cr. to the Mission and Mite Societies there	127 00
	18 By col. in the Methodist m. h. Lynchburg, cr. as above to the two Societies there	77 00
	19 By collection in the Presbyterian m. h. Lexington, Rockbridge co. Va.	21 76
	19 By Mr. Valentine Mason, Lexington, Rockbridge co. Va. on a subscription for Luminary	8 50
	20 By Mrs. Steele, near Lexington, Rockbridge co. Va.	5 00
	21 By collection in the Presbyterian place of worship, Staunton, Augusta co. Va.	14 66
	21 By Mr. J. C. Sowers, after, from a poor lady 12 cts—others 10 dolls.—sub. for the Lumi. 2	12 12
	21 By collection in Harrisonburg, Rockingham co. Va. in the Methodist meeting house	13 60
	21 By Mr. J. Lincoln 2—on sub. for the Lumi. 2—Rev. T. Buck on sub. for Luminary 1 50	5 50
	22 By collection, in the Baptist meeting house, New Market, Shenandoah co. Va.	13 81
	22 By Elder Jac. Harsberger, near New Market, Shenandoah co. Va. sub. for Luminary	6 10
	22 By collection, Luray, Shenandoah co. 17 50—four persons afterwards 1	18 50
	22 By Wm. R. Almond, Luray, Shenandoah co. Va. on subscription for the Luminary	5 00
	23 By persons after preaching at Bap. m. h. near Centre Mill and Milford, Shenandoah co. Va.	9 25
	23 By collection, in the Methodist meeting house, Front Royal, Frederick co. Va.	16 26
	23 By Rev. S. O. Hendron, n. Millwood, Fr.co.Va. 7 50—Rev. W. C. Buck, n. Strasburg 3 for Lu.	10 50
	24 By Thos. Buck, esq. Front Royal, Frederick co. Va. from the Kettocton Association	150 31
	24 By the same from the Rev. Thorn. Stringfellow, Fauquier co. for a parcel of the an. Re.	14 50
	24 By the same for a parcel of the annual Report 2 63—for the Luminary 5	7 63
	24 By collection at Zion m. h. Frederick co. Va. 30—by four persons in Winchester 1	31 00
	26 By collection in the Lutheran m. h. Winchester, Frederick co. Va.	22 65
	26 By collection in the Presbyterian m. h. Charleston, Jefferson co. Va.	21 68
	26 By the Rev. Mr. Walton, Charleston 1—Mr. Robert Lemon 40 cts. for the Luminary	1 40
	26 By col. at Harper's ferry 12 35—afterwards by the hand of J. Resor and others 7 50	19 85
	27 By Rev. Francis Moore 1—and J. Resor 11 25 for the Luminary—Jas. Stubblefield, esq. 5	17 25
	31 By the hand of El. Roberts, G. Valley, Pa. fr. an aged lady, anxious to assist trans. of the Bible	10 00
Feb.	2 By Messrs. (for the Lumi.) Kenard 3 75—Clopton 5—Ranaldson 10—Garnett 8—Shelburn 5	31 75
	2 Lilly 3—Coffey 1 50—Barrow 10—Battle 4—Purify 4—Wright 3—Norris 10—Calgan 4	39 50
	2 Richards 4, Wood 4, Winn 5, Dossey 3, Elton 5, Campbell 2, Fife 35, Crocker 5 50	63 50
	2 Woolford 5, Cosin 7, Goss 16 50, Galusha 4, Posey 12, Newton 4, Madi. 2 50, Gammell 1, Fox 2	54 00
	3 By C. K. Mallory, esq. 31 25, of which 11 25 is for the Luminary—sub. in Philad. 1 25	32 50
	4 By Messrs. Waples 4, Darter 2, for the Latter Day Luminary	6 00
	5 By Mr. John Samuel, Ky. 10, Asa Runyon, esq. N. J. 8, for the Latter Day Luminary	18 00
	7 By Deacon Hiland Hill, Catskill, New York, for the Latter Day Luminary	4 00
	9 By Elder Bostwick, N. Y. 1, Elder Grinstead, Ky. 5, Mr. Barksdale, Va. 6 25, Luminary	12 25
	10 By Dr. Wm. H. Deaderick, Cheek's roads, Hawkins co. Te. for the Luminary	2 00
	12 By Dr. Christian B. Fleet, of Virginia, for the Latter Day Luminary	3 00
	14 By Mr. Jeremiah Dale, Zanesville, Muskingum co. Ohio, for the Luminary	10 00
	15 By a friend, after preaching, at Lower Dublin meeting house, Pennsylvania	2 00
	16 By M. C. Rogers, Te. 4, hand of Dr. Staughton from a person at Marcus Hook 4, for Lum.	8 00
	18 By Elder Berry, Mon Hicks, N. C. 1 50—Elder Thos. Hill, Md. 4, for Luminary	5 50
	19 By the hand of Dr. Staughton from Elder Jesse Mercer, Ga. for 3d annual Report	17 50
	22 By Deacon Allen 1 50, collection in the Episcopal m. h. Bristol, Penn. 8 50	10 00
	25 By a subscriber in Philadelphia for the Luminary	1 25
	28 By Mr. Curwen 20, sub. in Philad. 1 for the Lum.—El. J. Morris, Va. ann. Report 10	31 00
	Amount carried up	3162 10

	1818.	Amount brought up,	D. C.
			3162 10
Feb. 28	By letter from Wm. R. Almond, esq. Luray, Va. to be added to the collection taken there in Jan.	1 00	
Mar. 2	By Mr. Curwen, for Lum. 10—Elder Thos. Roberts, per collection, Great Valley, Pa. 22 50	32 50	
4	the Rev. John Bryce, Richmond, Va. for the Luminary	40 00	
6	Elder Jehiel Fox, N. Y. annual Report and collection, 12—Mr. Logan, Salem, Va. for Lum. 3	15 00	
7	Mr. Curwen 1 25—Mr. Ashton 4—subscribers in Philad. 3 25 for the Luminary	8 50	
11	subscribers in Baltimore, Maryland, for the Luminary	4 00	
13	Elder Sedwick, Dumfries, Va. from Miss Catharine Smoot, Chapawamsie church, Md.	7 00	
13	the Rev. Spencer H. Cone, Alexandria, D. C. for a number of the 3d annual Report	5 00	
16	Miss Jane Daniel, Treasurer of the Juvenile Cent Society of Richmond, Virginia	5 65	
19	Mr. George Greenhow 20—Mr. Wm. Crane, 2, Richmond, Va. for the Secretary fund	22 00	
23	a friend 1—Rev. John H. Rice, Richmond, Va. 1 25 for the Luminary	2 25	
April 2	By Mrs. Maria Q. Marshall, Richmond, Va. for Secretary fund 20—for Luminary 7 50	27 50	
3	Mr. Crane, Richmond, Va. for Report 1 50: Mr. Roper 5: Dabney 2: Mr. Jones 1 25: for S. f.	9 75	
4	the hand of Mrs. Frances Greenhow 20: Mr. Pope 3, for Sec. f.: Mrs. Moreton 1 25 for Lum.	24 25	
13	collection in Raleigh, N. C. and 1 afterwards by a lady, and 50 cts by Mr. Shaw	20 70	
13	sixteen subscribers for the Luminary, Raleigh, N. C.	20 00	
14	the Rev. Josiah Crudrup and Mr. Davis, for the Luminary	2 50	
17	Thomas Brownrigg, esq. 10: Rev. Mr. Farnsworth 10, for the Lum.: ch. 1, Edenton, N. C.	21 00	
20	collections in the two Baptist places of public worship in Norfolk, Virginia,	43 25	
22	letters for: Lum. El. Stevens, Woolford 3: Mr. Corns. Payne 35: Wickes & Harsberger 5	43 00	
22	do. do. El. W. Castin: El. J. Landers 6 25: G. Luckey, esq. 11: El. G. Evens 2: D. Robertson, esq. 49	69 25	
22	do. from El. Isaac M'Coy, by Isaac Montgomery 3: W. Latham 3: Lemuel Baldwin 3: Ind.	9 00	
22	do. do. by James Tweedle 2: Samuel Adams 3 50: Thomas Martin 50 cts. for translation	6 00	
22	do. do. by Thomas Martin 50 cents, also, for civilizing the Indians	50	
23	letters from Elder James Bailey, for Luminary	5 00	
24	Mrs. Allen, from the Burlington Female Mite Society, for missionary purposes	100 00	
24	the same 3: by Dr. Staughton from Elder Hastings and Mr. Boss, for Luminary 1	4 00	
25	letters for Luminary, El. Th. L. Henley 18: Mr. George Hugill 1: El. David Philips 5	24 00	
25	do. do. Mr. M. Fairfield 12: J. L. Sherwood, esq. 4: El. J. Estep 2: El. G. Waller for Rep. 20	38 00	
26	collection in Frankford, near Philadelphia	4 55	
28	John M'Allister, 10 25, Jonesboro', Tennessee, for Luminary	10 25	
29	the hand of Dr. Staughton, from D. Barrow from the Kehukee Association N. C.	11 00	
29	do. from the same from the North Carolina Baptist Society for Foreign Missions	200 00	
29	do. from Thomas Brownrigg, esq. from the Chowan Baptist Mission Society, N. Carolina	100 00	
29	do. from the same from the Baptist Female Mission Society, Edenton, N. C.	25 00	
29	do. from Isaac Howell, from the Franklin Association, New York	98 50	
29	do. from the same from the Milford Baptist Female Society, New York	2 20	
29	do. from Mr. Roger Watkins 6, of which 3 for translation	6 00	
29	do. from Mr. Lowry from the Cincinnati Female Baptist Mission Society, Ohio	55 00	
29	do. from Mr. Wm. Goodloe from the Tate's Creek Association, Kentucky	47 12	
29	do. from Wm. Lancaster, esq. from the Broad River Association, South Carolina	16 25	
29	do. from Elder William P. Biddle from the Neuse Association, North Carolina	10 00	
29	do. from the Rev. Mr. Maclay from Mrs. Holt, Bermuda	10 00	
29	do. by the hand of B. W. Lester from Captain Thomas Peters	2 00	
29	do. from the Rev. J. A. Ranaldson from the Mississippi Mission Society, La.	500 00	
29	do. from Elder John Miller, Abington, Pennsylvania, for Report	3 00	
30	Elder John Bryce from the Richmond Baptist Foreign and Domestic Mission Society	250 00	
30	the same from the Richmond Female Society to aid Foreign and Domestic Missions	225 00	
30	the Rev. Spencer H. Cone from the Alexandria Female Missionary Cent Society	100 00	

Total to the time of the accounts being audited by a committee and approved by the Board 5443 57

In the foregoing: designated for civilizing the Indians	50
designated for an African Mission	2 —
designated as personal	7 —
designated for the translation	16 —
designated for the purpose of education	17 50
designated for the Secretary fund	73 25
by sale of the last Annual Report	123 08
by subscriptions for the Luminary already paid	653 10
by remittances from societies, collections, donations, &c.	4551 14—5443 57

Overpaid last year 95: see 3d Annual Report, p. 149, personal 7	102 —
Paid after Treasurer's account was audited last year, <i>ibid.</i>	300 —
Transmitted 4th of May	3387 67
To be transmitted in a few days	1653 90—5443 57

30 Expenditures up to this date, connected with the range of business assigned the Agent, including 51 weeks' service at 8 dolls. per week; travelling expenses; distribution of the 3d An. Report; paper, printing, stitching, and circulating the first number of the Luminary; subscription papers; paper for the second and third numbers of the Luminary, and the 4th An. Report; postages, &c. &c. 1963 67

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May 1	By the Rev. Mr. Peckworth, from the Philad. Southern Dist. Bap. Soc. for For. & Dom. Mis.	100 00
1	letters from W. Kinsey 4—G. Darter 2—T. S. Winn 5—and by R. Anderson 35 for Lum.	46 00
2	Mr. Cushman 10—Mr. Healey 10—Mr. Briggs 10—Mr. Curwen 2 50 for Luminary	32 50
2	Mr. Briggs 5—Mr. M'Call 25 ets. for Secretary fund—by Mr. Curwen from Miss Thomson 1 50	6 75
2	Mrs. Staughton, from the Sansom st. Bap. Fem. Society for promoting For. Evan. Mis.	202 00
2	the same from Mrs. Elizabeth C. Walker from a Female Society at Marcus Hook	64 00
2	Rev. Jos. Mathias, from the For. & Dom. Mis. Soc. of Montgomery, N. Britain, & Hilltown	100 00
3	Mrs. Mary Watts, from the Bap. Female Mite Society of Lower Dublin for For. Missions	50 00
4	Rev. Jos. Mathias 13—by Mr. Dendrick from Valentine Sevier, esq. 11 25 for Luminary	24 25
4	letter from Mr. Mercer, from Mr. Perryman for third Annual Report	5 00
5	Mr. Schmucker 1 25—Mr. M'Call 50 ets. for Luminary	1 75
6	Mr. Curwen 1 25—hand of Miss Staughton from Mrs. Conroe 50 ets. for Luminary	1 75
7	letter from James Whitaker, esq. from French Broad Association, North Carolina	29 25
7	individuals next day 1—Elder S. Morgan, personal 2—Mrs. Brayer, do. 50 ets. for Rep. 7 25	10 75
9	letter from Mr. Price 10—by Mr. Hansell, from Mr. Jeffries 8 for Luminary	18 00
11	letter from Eld. D. Barrow from the church at Bracken 10—at Lawrence cr. 3	13 00
11	do. do. per collection at Emancipat. Asso. 8 25—Mrs. Suddoth 1—Report 2 75	12 00
11	do. from Mr. John Resor 20—by Mr. Samuel Weasey 1 50 for Luminary	21 50
16	Dr. Staughton, from Joseph Forman, treasurer of Washington (Ky.) Mission Society	160 00

Received by Mr. Peck before going, and on his way to the Westward.

June 5	By Rev. Dr. Staughton, corresponding secretary of the Board	600 00
5	a few persons after sermon, at Sand Lake, Rensselaer county, New York	67
8	collection in the Baptist meeting house, Albany, New York	23 12
10	brother Fish of Ohio 1—by Mrs. Hildreth, a poor but pious widow, 6 ets. Hudson, N. York	1 06
29	collection West Stockbridge, Massachusetts	2 00
July 2	By a few individuals after sermon in East Hillsdale, New York	1 36
6	collection in the Baptist meeting house, Amenia, N. Y. 6—by Miss Morgan, Sharon, Ct. 1	7 00
6	collection in the Baptist meeting house, New Haven, Ct. 6 43—by sale of Report 75 ets.	7 18
Aug. 3	By a friend in Burlington, New Jersey, personal	3 00
Sept. 4	By collection at the Redstone Association 56 45—for copies of constitution 63 ets.	57 08
4	collection in the Baptist meeting house in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania	13 00
7	collection in the Baptist meeting, Washington, Pennsylvania	17 00
8	Hugh Wilson, a little boy, 25 ets.—Rhoda Wilson 50 ets—Mr. Read 1—a stranger 2	3 75
9	collection in Charleston, Brooke county, Virginia	3 50
11	a few persons after sermon, Cadiz, Harrison county, Ohio, 3 36—Report 50 ets.	3 86
22	collection after missionary sermon in the court house, Zanesville, Ohio	13 10
28	collection after missionary sermon, Chillicothe, Ohio	14 50

Total - 831 18

1817. *Expenditures of Mr. Peck, connected with his outfit and journey to the Westward.*

July 24	To expenses from the 17th of May up to this date, including horse hire, travelling expenses, &c.	48 98
24	expenses of family and several articles of outfit for journeying to the Westward	79 48
14	clothing 75 83—Horse 95—Wagon 96 60—Harness 23 83	291 26
Oct. 9	To travelling expenses from Litchfield, Con. to Lexington, Kentucky, with a family,	102 43
9	transportation of a box with books, linens, &c. to Pittsburg	27 50
9	printing 500 copies of constitutions for Mite Societies	7 50
9	portable Map of the United States 10 price, 1 50 deducted by Mr. Mellish	8 50
9	loss on counterfeit and bad bills	1 06

Total of expenditure - 566 65

Balance in favour of the Board - 264 53

1817. *Received by Mr. Welch, before going, and on his way to the Westward.*

June 19	By the hand of the Rev. Dr. Staughton, corresponding secretary of the Board	400 00
July 10	By collection at Orange court house, Virginia	44 87
11	collection at Zion meeting house, Orange county, Virginia,	19 25
13	collection at Zoar m. h. Orange co. 13 25—do. a presbyterian m. h. Rockbridge co. 12 22	25 47
Aug. 10	By a stranger, who refused to give his name, but said your Master knows me	5 00
16	collection at South District Association, Kentucky,	48 75
17	cash by the hand of B. Bell, esq. Danville, Kentucky	2 00
24	collection at the Tate's Creek Association, Kentucky, 16 18—Report 1 25	18 13
26	collection in the Presbyterian meeting house, Lexington, Kentucky	28 00
Sept. 7	By collection at the Bracken Association, Kentucky	84 25
11	collection in Lancaster, Ohio	11 75
14	collection Mays Lick 15—Washington 11 87, Kentucky	26 87
15	cash by the hands of Walker Reed, esq.	3 00
18	several persons in the republican m. h. Woodford county, Kentucky	4 50
19	collection in the court house, Versailles, Woodford county, Kentucky	7 00
20	the Rev. John Scott, corresponding secretary of the Franklin Association	3 50
25	collection in Richmond, Madison co. 13 50—Mrs. Barnett 1—Report 75 ets.	15 25

Amount carried up, 747 80

	Amount brought up,	D. C.
Sep. 27 By Gen. Jos. Lewis, corresponding secretary of the Salem Association, Kentucky	-	747 59
28 collection at the Salem Association 93 25—hand of brother Benjamin Edwards 5	-	5 87
29 collection Bardstown 12 19—J. W. Ogan, esq. 1—Report 1, Kentucky	-	98 25
Oct. 1 By several persons after preaching at Springfield, Kentucky	-	14 19
5 collection at David's Fork meeting house, Fayette county, Kentucky	-	5 18
the hand of brother Benjamin Stout, collected at the Elkhorn Association	-	13 00
	-	94 26

Total - - - 978 34

1817.	<i>Expenditures of Mr. Welch connected with his outfit and journey to the Westward.</i>	
May 18	To clothes, trunks, boxes, horse hire, necessities for the journey, &c. &c.	100 75
June 28	To gig and harness 1 80—a horse 1 20—travelling expenses to Orange county, Va. 35 75	335 75
28	travelling expenses from Virginia to Kentucky, with additional clothing	75 90
28	carriage and storage of 2 boxes, containing books, &c. from Philadelphia to Kentucky	55 00
28	repairing gig, harness, &c.—for postage, medicine, &c.	44 75
28	counterfeit bills taken in collections	9 00

Total expenditures, - - 621 15

Receipts 978 34—expenditures 621 15—balance in favour of the Board - - 357 19

1817.	<i>Expenditures of brethren Peck and Welch, from Kentucky to St. Louis, and after arriving there.</i>	
Oct. 11	To various articles of necessity for family use 67 41—bad bills 5 77	73 18
Nov. 7	To travelling expenses from Lexington, Ky. to Shawnee, Il. T. 47 37—while there 12 50	59 87
21	To trav. ex. of br. Welch and lady from Shawnee to St. Louis 22 38—after arriving 13 75	36 13
Dec. 1	To passage of br. Peck from Shawnee to St. Louis 25—other expenses 12 21	37 21
3	To transportation of a box and trunk from Pittsburg to St. Louis	5 00
20	To freightage on two boxes from Kentucky to St. Louis	20 50
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Jan. 9	To horse keeping 15 70—To room for school and meeting 32 13	47 83
9	To repair a room for brother and sister Welch, 16 80—expense for clothing 18 32	35 12
20	To all other necessary expenses of the two families up to this date	179 85

Total - - - 494 69

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1817.		D. C.
Oct. 11	By balance in the hands of br. Welch, 357 19—do. br. Peck, 204 53	561 72
12	collection in the Baptist meeting house, Providence, Jessamine county, Kentucky	25 11
19	collection in Friendship meeting house, Clarke county, 8 55—do. Winchester, 17 45	26 00
21	collection after sermon, Frankfort, Kentucky	15 93
26	collection in Elizabethtown, Harden county, Kentucky	12 37

1818.		
Jan. 10	By Dr. J. Young, 3—Report, 75 cts.—Subscription for the Luminary, 6 25	10 00

Total, - - - 651 13

The Baptist Board of Foreign Missions in account with Thomas Baldwin, Lucius Bolles, and Daniel Sharp, Committee, to whom was referred the outfit, &c. of brethren Wheelock and Colman for Burmah.

THE BOARD, Dr.

1817.		D. C.
Nov. 1	To cash paid Bridge and Renough for 1560 dollars in specie	1591 00
1	White for packing the same	1 50
4	cash paid Captain Drew for passage for two missionaries and their wives	700 00
13	cash paid Mr. Bolles for articles purchased by him for the Missionaries	137 56
13	two mattresses, 18 29—cheese for Rangoon, 5 41—do. for passage, 2 81	26 51
13	cash paid for 3000 dollars specie, bought at Branch Bank	3060 00
13	Osburn for packing the same	3 00
13	to the truck-man for the trunks, and portorage of specie going on board	4 25
13	Lincoln and Edmands' bill for books, <i>as per bill</i>	195 06
13	cash paid for Brown's History of Missions	6 00
13	cash paid Dr. Torrington for medicine, &c. <i>as per bill</i>	84 31
13	Min Ditson's bill for making clothes for the missionaries, <i>as per bill</i>	20 00
13	Mr. Sharp's bill for boarding Mr. Colman, and for one Medical book, <i>as per bill</i>	85 00
13	Mr. Kuhn for plaid cloak for Mr. Wheelock, <i>as per bill</i>	15 00
13	expense of horse and chaise in settling business for Mr. Colman	5 83
13	amount of articles purchased by Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs. Sharp for the missionaries	351 83
13	cash paid Mr. Sharp for a trunk	2 00

Total - - - 6288 84

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Boston, December.

THOMAS BALDWIN.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MISSION TO BURMAH.

FROM the missionaries at Rangoon, no communication later than what has been published in the Luminary has come to hand. Intelligence, however, has arrived, which announces that they were well and going on prosperously, as late as October last. By the present time, it is hoped, brethren Wheelock and Colman have joined them. We here introduce the tract composed by Mr. Judson.

The following Tract in Burman and English, needs no other remark than, that the Burman is the original, and the English a translation. This may apologize for the inelegance or uncommonness of some of the phrases and sentences in English, the version being made as literal as possible.

A. JUDSON.

THERE is one Being who exists eternally; who is exempt from sickness, old age and death; who was, and is, and will be, without beginning, and without end. Beside this, the true God, there is no other God. The true God is diverse from all other beings. Uniting three in one, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, these three are one God. God is a spirit, without bodily form. Although omnipresent, it is above the heavens that He clearly discovers His glory. His power and wisdom are infinite. He is pure and good, and possessed of everlasting felicity. Before this world was made, God remained happy, surrounded by the pure and incorporeal sons of heaven. In order to display His perfections, and make creatures happy, God created the heavens, the sun, moon, and all the stars, the earth, the various kinds of brute creatures, and man. The first man and woman, at their original creation, were not liable to sickness or death; they were exempt from every kind of evil; and their mind was upright and pure. Afterwards, because, by violating the command of God, they transgressed against their Benefactor, the sum of all perfections, beyond compare, the light of the divine countenance disappeared; and those two, together with all their posterity, became darkened, and unclean, and wicked; they became subject, in the present state, to sickness, death and all other evils; and they became deserving of suffering, in the future state, the dreadful punishment of hell. Above four thousand years after mankind was thus destroyed, God, being moved with compassion for man involved in misery, sent to the earth, the abode of man, God the Son, the second yadana among the three yadanas [any thing superlatively excellent—In the present application, it conveys no additional idea; but is requisite in Burman to the intelligibility of the sentence.] The circumstances of his being sent were thus:—God the Son, uniting the divine and the human natures, without destroying or confounding them, in the land of Israel and country of Judea, in the womb of a virgin, was conceived by the divine power, and was born. This God-man, who is named Jesus Christ, being man, endured in our stead, severe sufferings and death, the punishment due to our sins; and being God, is able by virtue of having endured those sufferings, to deliver all his disciples from the punishment of hell, redeeming them with his own life, and to instate them in heaven. On the third day after Jesus Christ suffered death, his soul re-

entered his body and he lived again. For the space of forty days he remained giving instruction to his disciples, after which he commissioned them thus—'Go ye into all countries on earth, and proclaim the glad news to all men. He that believeth in me and is baptized, shall be saved; he that believeth not, shall be damned, or shall suffer endless punishment in hell.' Then, in the presence of many of his disciples, he ascended to heaven, and took up his abode in the place where God displays his glory. According to the final command of Jesus Christ, his disciples, beginning with Judea, travelled about through various countries and kingdoms, and proclaimed the glad news; and many believed, and became disciples of Jesus Christ. The true religion afterwards spread into the countries of the west; and now to this country of Burmah, among the countries of the east, a teacher of religion, from the country of America, has arrived, and is beginning to proclaim the glad news. About one or two hundred years hence, the religion of Boodh, of Brahma, of Mahomet, and of Rome, together with all other false religions, will disappear and be lost, and the religion of Christ will pervade the whole world; all quarrels and wars will cease, and all the tribes of man will be like a band of mutually loving brothers.

[End of Part 1.]

A disciple of Jesus Christ is one that is born again: the meaning of which is, that the old nature, which is successively inherited from the first man and woman, begins to be destroyed; and the new nature, which is implanted by the Holy Spirit, is obtained. The unrenewed man loves himself supremely, and seeks his own private interest. The renewed man loves the true God supremely, and desires that the divine glory may be promoted. He loves all others also as himself, and seeks their interest as his own. The desire of the unrenewed man is to enjoy sensual pleasure, worldly wealth, fame and power. The renewed man contemns sensual pleasure, &c. His desire is to be pure in mind, to be replete with grace, to be useful to others, to promote the glory of God, and to enjoy the pure and perpetual happiness of heaven. The unrenewed man, influenced by pride, hates the humbling religion of Jesus Christ. When seized with alarm, he endeavours to perform meritorious deeds, in order to make atonement for his sins, and obtain salvation. The renewed man, knowing surely, that man, having sinned against God, and contracted great guilt, cannot perform meritorious deeds, firmly fixes in his mind, that it is on account of the God-man, Jesus Christ alone, that sin can be expiated, and the happiness of heaven obtained; and therefore, through supreme love to Jesus Christ, and a desire to do his will, endeavours to avoid evil deeds, and to perform good deeds only, according to the divine commands. Sometimes, when through the assaults of the remaining old nature, he slides and transgresses the divine commands, he repents that he has sinned against his superlatively excellent and lovely Lord, and trusting only in the death of Christ, he humbly confesses the sin he has committed, and begs pardon of God. He who is unrenewed, and therefore is not a disciple of Christ, in the present life, obtains no true wisdom; his sins are numerous and heavy. And because he has no regard to the Lord, who can deliver from sin, he will, in the present life, obtain no refuge or resting place; but soul and body will fall into hell, as his sins deserve; and having transgressed against an eternal God, he must accordingly for ever suffer eternal misery. He who is renewed, and becomes a disciple of Jesus Christ, in the present life, is acquainted with true wisdom, and attains the state of a *Thautahpan* [one that has acquired a new and excellent nature, which will issue in final salvation.] And when he changes worlds, his soul having obtain-

ed the pardon of sin through the death of Christ, will, through the grace of God, enter into the divine presence. The body also, though it be burnt with fire, or consumed in the earth, and thus destroyed for a time, will, at the end of the world, by the power of God, with whom nothing is impossible, live again; and thus soul and body united, will for ever enjoy eternal happiness in the presence of God.

[End of Part 2.]

The commands of Jesus Christ are as follows:—Repent, or be changed in mind; that is, extirpate the old nature and cultivate the new. Have faith in the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Love God supremely. Love others as yourself. Set not your heart on worldly goods and riches; but look forward to, and long for those riches which are free from defilement, and eternal in the heavens. Suppress haughtiness, pride and insolence; and cherish an humble, meek and lowly mind. Return not evil for evil; but have a disposition to forgive the faults of others, and to bear injury with patience. Love your enemies, and pray for them. Be compassionate to the poor and needy, and give alms. Covet not the property of others: therefore take not by violence; steal not; defraud not in trade; trespass in no manner on the property of others. Speak no falsehood. Bear not false witness. Without being invested with governmental authority, take not the life of man. Drink not intoxicating liquor to excess. Despise not marriage, whether of a teacher of religion, a ruler, or a private person. Beside your own husband or wife, have no desire for any other man or woman. Honour parents, and willingly assist and support them, according to your ability. Listen reverently to the instructions of religious teachers, and make offerings for their support. In regard to rulers, whether disciples of Christ or not, honour them, pay them tribute, pray for them, and obey their lawful commands. Pray to God always. On the first day in seven, assemble to worship God, and hear his word. On becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ, receive baptism in water. Afterwards, in memory of his flesh and blood, which he gave for the sake of his disciples, reverently, from time to time, eat bread and drink wine. Use all diligence, that your relations and neighbours, and countrymen, who are not disciples of Christ may be converted. With a compassionate mind, use all diligence that the inhabitants of towns, and countries, and kingdoms, that are in darkness, not having obtained the light of the knowledge of the true God, may become disciples of Christ. The above are commands of Jesus Christ.

[End of Part 3.]

The teacher who composed this writing, seeing the great evil which is coming on the Burmans, left his own country from compassion; and from an immense distance, has arrived by ship, to this, the country of Burmah. He desires neither fame nor riches. Offerings and gifts he seeks not. The disciples of Christ, in his own country, moved with compassion for the Burmans, make offerings sufficient for his use. He has no other motive but this: Being a disciple of Christ, and therefore seeking the good of others, as his own, he has come, and is labouring that the Burmans may be saved from the dreadful punishment of hell, and enjoy the happiness of heaven.

In the year of Christ 1816; in the Burman year 1178; in the 967th day of the lord of the Saddan elephant, and master of the Sakyah weapon; and in the 33d year of his reign; in the division Pashoo; on Tuesday, the 12th day of the wane of the moon Wahgoung, after the double beat, this writing, entitled *The Way to Heaven*, was finished. *May the reader obtain light. Amen.*

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

MISSION TO THE WESTWARD OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

THE missionaries brethren Peck and Welch with their families arrived at St. Louis, it appears, about the first of December last. In a few days they addressed a communication to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, giving a detailed account of the numerous difficulties that had opposed and retarded their progress to that place, and the many kindnesses they had received. In the conclusion they observe—"It is easily perceived by us, though we have been here but a short time, that the state of things is truly important. *Lord help us! All our help must come from thee!*"

Under date of December 28, Mr. Welch thus writes—"The time has already passed, at which a second communication ought to have been made; but such were the difficulties, the unusual and unexpected length of our journey from Kentucky, and such the embarrassments attendant on our first residence in this place, that I have not had it in my power to make my report, as the Board had a right to expect.

"On the first of January, as per agreement already made, I expect to commence teaching a small school, which I calculate by the close of the first quarter will become sufficiently large." [At this time Mr. Peck was very sick, and Mr. Welch remarks] "Be not surprised if, in my next, I shall have to perform the painful task of announcing the death of my partner in missionary labour."

In a joint communication on Mr. Peck's becoming convalescent, they observe, "that the mission has been deprived of the labours of brother Peck since his arrival at this place; but we feel thankful to our gracious heavenly Father that he is now, though slow, regaining his health and strength. In the town of St. Louis are a number of persons who have professed religion. Amongst these are several baptists, with whom we hope soon to unite in church fellowship.

"There is a small presbyterian church in this place, constituted some months ago. They have a meeting established in a commodious school-house in one part of the town, and the Rev. Mr. Giddings, a missionary from the eastern states, preaches to them. He also teaches a school in the same house. There is another minister of the denomination called "*Cumberland Presbyterians*," who resides in town, and occasionally preaches to the people. On our first arrival here brother Welch occasionally preached in the house occupied by Mr. Giddings, as he was then absent on a missionary tour in the country. But after we had obtained a room for the school in quite a different part of the town, it was judged expedient to establish another meeting. In this our highest expectations have been exceeded. The meetings are tolerably well attended, both on the Sabbath and on Wednesday evenings. The people give a solemn attention, and the number of hearers continues to increase. On the whole, we are encouraged with the prospect, and pray that the Lord may accomplish a gracious work here. One person we hope has experienced religion of late, and we trust one or two others are thoughtful."

To the Corresponding Secretary, St. Louis, M. T. March 12, 1818.

DEAR SIR,—

THAT the Board may have entire knowledge of our prospects, our trials, and every occurrence relative to the mission in this region; we think it would not be improper to forward the following extracts from the mission records or journal.

JANUARY 29th, 1818.—The missionaries having formed an acquaintance with several brethren and sisters, met according to previous agreement, to consult on the propriety of uniting in a church relation. Eleven persons presented letters and other testimonials of their good standing in churches whence they had removed, and we proceeded to adopt a covenant as the basis of union.

FEBRUARY 5th.—The missionaries and brethren again met for consultation. We unanimously adopted articles of faith, and resolved to be constituted as a church of Christ the following Sabbath.

It is highly gratifying to contemplate the union and cordial sentiments of those brethren and sisters who have agreed to become thus united. This may be regarded as the first effort of the missionaries to establish and spread the visible kingdom of Christ in this western land. In the result, thus far, they acknowledge the special mercy of God. The meeting established increases in the number of hearers, and the solemn attention given. One or two instances of awakening appear. The school continues to prosper, and the pupils make considerable progress in learning. The prospects are encouraging.

FEBRUARY 8th.—*Church constituted.* Brother Peck preached on the occasion from 1 Cor. iii. 9. "Ye are God's building."

Brother Welch produced and read the covenant and articles of faith, and after imploring the protection and blessing of the Great Head of the church, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and in the presence of many witnesses, solemnly pronounced them a visible church of Christ.

Brother Peck made the dedication prayer and gave the right hand of fellowship, and brother Welch gave the charge.

Then after 'showing forth our Lord's death,' we closed this interesting service with praise to God.

FEB. 12th. The church appointed a committee, consisting of brethren Peck, Welch and Jacoby, to prepare a memorial, accompanied with a subscription, to be presented to the public, soliciting aid to build a house for public worship.

MARCH 1st.—It was concluded that it would be most conducive to our own individual comfort, and to the prosperity of the western mission, that we form ourselves into a society.

Impressed with the importance of employing every means in our power to accomplish the great object for which we have come into this western country, we the undersigned being under the patronage of the *Baptist Board of Foreign Missions for the United States*, agree to adopt the name of '*the Western Baptist Mission Society*,' and to be regulated by the following PRINCIPLES.

1st. Having devoted ourselves to the Lord Jesus, we give ourselves to one another by the will of God, and agree to be kindly affectionate one towards another with brotherly love, realizing that we have our master even Christ, and that all we are brethren.

2d. We agree that our sole object on earth is to promote the religion of Christ in the western parts of America, both among the whites, Africans, and Indians; and that the means to be employed are, the preaching of the gospel, distributing the holy scriptures, religious tracts, &c. and establishing and promoting schools for the instruction of the youth, and the education of such persons as may be selected to aid us either as preachers, catechists, or school teachers.

3d. We agree to engage in no business for the purpose of individual interest, to resign all private right to remittances from the Board, avails of labour, compensation for services, donations whether public or private; and, in a word, all monies arising from any quarter shall go into the common funds of this society:

Provided, that nothing in this article be understood as affecting our private right to inheritances, or personal favours not made in compensation for services.

4th. This society shall have a secretary to record its proceedings, publish documents, &c. who shall be treasurer *ex officio*.

5th. The funds of the society shall consist of the following branches, viz.

All monies or property, specially designated for the benefit of schools, shall form the *Education fund*, to be appropriated only for that particular purpose.

All monies and property specially designated for the maintenance and instruction of Indian youth, shall form the *Indian fund*, to be appropriated for that object.

All monies or property specially designated for the erection of buildings for the mission or for schools, shall form the *Building fund*, to be used only for that purpose.

All monies or property coming into our hands without such special designation, shall be appropriated to the common expenses of the mission, as circumstances dictate.

6th. All appropriations for the mission funds shall be made by a majority of the brethren united in this compact, subject however to the inspection of our patrons, the Board.

7th. We agree that all members of the mission family have equal claims upon the mission funds for equal support in similar circumstances—the claims of widows and orphans not to be in the least affected by the death of the head of the family. But it is to be understood that no one shall have a right to adopt a child into the mission family so as to entitle it to the claims secured in this article, but by consent of the brethren.

J. M. PECK,

St. Louis, M. T. March 2d, 1818.

J. E. WELCH.

MINUTES OF THE WESTERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

VOTED, That brother J. E. Welch be secretary to this society.

MARCH 4.—The missionaries opened a Sunday school for the instruction of Africans in this village; and it is with peculiar satisfaction that they record the attendance of no less than fourteen the first day.

To the Cor. Sec. dated St. Louis, March 14, 1818.

In addition to the foregoing communications permit us to forward also the following remarks respecting the southern and interior parts of this territory. This information has been obtained from several persons, but more particularly from a baptist minister by the name of *Edwards*, who has resided on

this side of the Mississippi most of the time since 1811. Last year he spent some time in itinerating in the lower part of the territory to examine into the state of religion. In this tour he rode more than 1600 miles, visited all the principal settlements on the Arkansas, the St. Francis, and the White rivers. In some places the people are not only destitute of ministers of any denomination, but deplorably ignorant of the gospel. In other settlements some attention is paid to religion. Baptist professors are scattered through the different parts of the country. They have removed from Kentucky and other western states, but now are deprived of the gospel. In some settlements churches might be formed, could there be ministers obtained to oversee them. This part of the territory is rapidly settling; but unless missionaries go amongst them they must be destitute of the gospel for some years to come. Between St. Louis and the above-mentioned region are seven small churches, situate mostly in Cape Girardeau county. These united in an association in 1815, calling themselves the "Bethel Baptist Association."

Pursuant to our instructions from the Board, we have neglected no opportunity in which we might obtain information relative to the Indian tribes in this western land. The Delawares and Shawnese, the remnants of once powerful tribes, live from 20 to 40 miles from Cape Girardeau. They are not numerous; perhaps two or three hundred of each tribe.

The Delawares have expressed a desire to have their children instructed in English, and that if a teacher is sent amongst them they will build a school-house. A band of the Cherokees have lately removed from their tribe east of the Mississippi, and are settled on the Arkansas. This was in consequence of an exchange of lands by the United States' government. The Cherokees, Shawnese, and Delawares are leagued together, and agree mutually to support each other. Within a few months past they have made war upon the Osage nation, and it is said have destroyed a considerable village. A gentleman who saw and conversed with their warriors as they returned from the fight, told brother Peck, that they had about a hundred scalps, which they showed as trophies of victory. The cause of this war is said to be the murders and other depredations which for years have been committed by the Osages upon the Delawares and Shawnese.

There is a settlement of about 150 Indians on the Merrimac river, about 50 miles west of St. Louis. Their chief is a white man by the name of Fish. Some of this band converse in English. They have comfortable dwellings, and are said to have made considerable progress in civilization.

Another small settlement of natives are in the neighbourhood of St. Louis, not more than 10 miles distant. One of us expects to visit this band in a few days.

The Osages live more than 300 miles west of St. Louis, on and beyond the Osage river. They are a numerous nation, but scattered over an extensive country. They are more generally represented as a peaceable and well disposed nation, and inclined to become civilized, though some persons give them a different character. The Sacks (pronounced Soks,) and Foxes, (a band of the Sacks or Saukies) are settled betwixt 150 and 300 miles up the Mississippi. Some are scattered through the upper part of the Illinois territory. They are not very friendly, though not on terms of hostility with our government. A short time since *Quashquomme*, a chief of a band of the Sacks from Rock river, with a number of Indians, were in this village. Brother Welch obtained an interview with the chief on the subject of education, the introduction of schools, &c. among the

tribe. It was understood from the interpreter who was employed, that the chief had two sons whom he wished to have educated in English. The interview closed without any thing decisive, as we had no funds to support the youth, and the chief prudently declined giving an answer relative to the establishment of schools amongst their nation, without consulting the other chiefs.

Other tribes, as the Winnebagoes to the north, and the Sioux, Ottoes, Mandans, &c. to the west, live more remote, and are less likely to receive immediate attention.

By this statement the Board will understand, that the Indian tribes who are populous and extensive, live at a distance from us; that a large population of whites, quite ignorant of the gospel, are scattered through the country for 3 or 400 miles betwixt us and the Indians, and that if we attempt to carry the gospel immediately to these tribes, we must pass over multitudes more likely to receive the gospel than are the savage and uncultivated Indians. It is hoped, however, that some good may be done amongst local tribes, without lessening our usefulness amongst the whites.

Hitherto we have said nothing on the importance of increasing the number of labourers in this western harvest. But we now venture to raise the Macedonian cry, 'come over and help us.' Could the Board, but more especially the public at large, be made fully sensible of the vast work that lies before us, and the importance of strengthening our hands by one or two additional labourers, our cry would not be unavailing. If one or more young men of ardent piety, and a good education, could receive an appointment from the Board the present season, by the time of their arrival we might be prepared to enlarge our sphere of effort.

Another added to this mission, in a little time would not much increase its expense, as the school department might then be rendered more profitable.

Praying the Great Head of the church to guide in all the deliberations of your respectable body, we subscribe ourselves your unworthy servants in the mission cause,

J. M. PECK,

J. E. WELCH.

UNDER date of March 28, 1818, the missionaries thus write: "We have not much additional news to communicate. We have enlarged the plan of our school. At our public examination yesterday, our students performed remarkably well. Several gentlemen of respectability of the village, since they have been made acquainted with our object in this country, appear to interest themselves in our cause.

"Our African Sunday school has more than 50 on the roll, most of whom are very attentive and strive to learn.

"The first Sabbath in April we expect to baptize a candidate. This, we believe, will be the first time the ordinance was ever attended in St. Louis. We have ascertained that five persons at least have manifested a hope of religion within less than three months past. Thus grace begins to triumph here."

The fifth of April Mr. Welch says: "Last evening was our church meeting. Additions were received by letter, and experience. To-day at nine o'clock a sermon was delivered on the banks of the Mississippi, and two candidates baptized—*late work of grace!* You can scarcely imagine the happiness we this day enjoyed around the table of the Lord, while bidding welcome to all the privileges of the house of God, four new members. Prospects are flattering. I hope the Lord is about to commence a great work in this quarter."

LOUISIANA.

From Rev. Mr. Randalson to the Cor. Sec. dated St. Francisville, March 20, 1818.

IT is my duty as your missionary to make frequent communications. In this I have been deficient. But I can assure you it has not been for want of disposition. The whole of my time has been occupied. My field of labour is still enlarging, and the work is increasing on my hands daily.

I wrote to you on the 19th of January, which I hope you have received. Having just returned from the first annual meeting of the Mississippi Society for Baptist Missions Foreign and Domestic, it is necessary for me to forward communications by the next mail, that you may receive them in time for the annual meeting of the Board.

Our society has been formed on missionary ground. There are pressing demands for active and general exertions. Four missionaries are already employed by the Society for the term of three months; and one for a year. Rev. Isaac Suttle, whom I mentioned in my last, is appointed to preach in the African church recently formed in the Creek nation, for the current year. It is hoped that the present hostilities of the Seminoles will not defeat the object of his appointment. L. Scarborough is appointed for a circuit on the west of the Mississippi river; N. Morris for the eastern section of West Florida; J. Flower for the frontier settlements in the Mississippi state; and Benjamin Davis for the coloured people in New Orleans. This last appointment was made in consideration of the poor in this city who manifest a disposition to receive the word with gladness; for a number of them are truly pious. Whilst missionary exertions are making for the Asiatics and aboriginal Americans, the poor Africans in our country who bear the heat and burden of the day, should not be neglected. It truly requires the wisdom of the serpent blended with the harmlessness of the dove, to teach this wretched race of human beings! But we feel a confidence in the prudence and zeal of our brother appointed to the work. He has a faculty for teaching the blacks; and should the city corporation yield a favourable countenance to the undertaking, I hope it may soon be said, that *the poor of New Orleans have the gospel preached to them.*

The society having attributed a great share of their success to the agency of your missionary, agreed to remit the sum which was appropriated for his use by the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions. I therefore inclose to you a check on a bank in Philadelphia, for *five hundred dollars.*

I hope the employment of domestic missionaries will never diminish your treasury, but rather replenish it. Permit me to tender my very grateful acknowledgments to the Board, for the seasonable supplies they have given, which enabled me to make a decided stand in the midst of the strong hold of Satan, and to preach among the gentiles of Louisiana the unsearchable riches of Christ. Although I could not maintain my first position in the city of New Orleans, on account of its expensiveness, yet I am persuaded I could not occupy a more important missionary ground in the state, and one which promises more immediate and general usefulness as respects the mission, than the present station. I am happy to say that the prospects, as relates to my future support, are such as to supersede the necessity of the continued patronage of the Board. I have reason to expect

that the generosity of the people whom I serve in the gospel, will enable me still to give myself wholly to the work of the ministry. Your patronage therefore may and will I hope, be extended to another in my place. Not that I wish to withdraw from the delightful services of the Board, or shake off the pleasing responsibility of the mission. No, I wish still to be the missionary, and still to act under the advice and auspices of the Board, at least so far as to maintain an intimate connexion with that honourable body.

This letter must soon close for the mail. In my next I will endeavour to give farther information concerning this country, &c. &c. There are thousands around us starving for the word of life. Several important stations are ready for the reception of missionaries. With affectionate importunity I would solicit the attention of the Board to be directed this way. O send us help, that we may lift up a standard for the people in the name of the Lord of hosts! We want at least six missionaries whose lips are touched with a *live coal*, whose hearts are sanctified with the love of God, whose bowels yearn for the salvation of men, whose fortitude and piety can resist the temptations of filthy lucre, and, in a word, whose abilities may be competent for the defence of the gospel, among ingenious and learned infidels, and before powerful adversaries of the doctrines of the cross. Aid such in their commencement, send them out under your patronage, and in a short time they may remunerate the Board by returning the loan with good interest.

It is expensive to live in this country. The enormous price of cotton raises every thing else to its par. House rent and the hire of servants are remarkably high. And in these two articles there is but little difference between this place and New Orleans.

Such is the state of society, that it appears unquestionably a duty incumbent to pay some attention to the education of the young. And although the whole of my time, strength and abilities, are required for the ministry of the word, yet I shall be obliged by the united petitions of the people to give a small portion of it to the instruction of their children. They wish me, however, merely to superintend an academy, and employ other teachers, able to sustain the laborious functions of the school. This plan should, in my humble opinion, be recommended to all our missionaries to the west, as the religious education of children is of the highest importance, and will probably contribute in a very great degree, to the acceptance of the gospel among a heterogeneous mass which has been collected from the four quarters of the globe!

May the God of missions prosper and succeed your pious labours to send the gospel among all the nations of the earth.

CHEROKEE INDIANS.

From the Rev. Mr. Posey to the Corresponding Secretary, dated Haywood county, North Carolina, March 13, 1818.

HAVING commenced legally in the work of the mission on the first of December last, I now take the liberty of addressing the Board, through you, in order that you may know something of the manner in which I have spent my time. I shall first give a brief view of the country. The paths through this wilderness are generally difficult to pass, like the bye ways of Deborah—and the traveller

will experience as great a variety in one day, probably, as curiosity itself could desire. Over this wide extended tract of country, I have been mostly traversing, through the course of the winter, preaching to the whites, and by an interpreter to as many Indians as I could convene from time to time. Though the winter has been so excessively cold as to prevent my progress at times, yet I have got four schools started. In this business I found it difficult to obtain such teachers as I would wish; I have however employed such as are capable of teaching them the first principles of the language, and they understand some of the Cherokee language, which appears of use in the beginning of the business. I draw my articles with them in such a manner as to prevent them from trading, and confine them to use every exertion to instruct the Indians in every thing necessary, and they are liable to be turned off, if they are guilty of any immorality. The progress of the Indians surpasses my most sanguine hopes—I visited one school on the day after its commencement, and found a number able to show any letter in the alphabet and name it. One man and his wife, in another school, who did not talk English at all, had learned in about nine days to spell the words of three letters. Their anxiety appears great to obtain information; they know there is something in the bible to which they are strangers, and they want to understand it. When I am amongst them, it is impossible to describe my feelings; there I view a number of fellow creatures, looking up to me for instruction, and anxious to hear as much as possible. Some of them go a considerable distance to meeting, and appear very attentive. I have kept a kind of a journal, and if the Board requests it, I will send a copy of it in my next letter.—I have only engaged the teachers for three months at forty dollars each, and I hope to obtain considerable aid in defraying the expenses in these parts, and if they continue anxious for learning, of which I have no doubt, I wish the school to continue. However, I still wish communications from the Board on the subject. It appears as if it will be attended with great expense, to do any thing to the purpose among them.

Pray for me, my dear brother, that my feeble labours may be blest, and that I may be faithful in the cause of my precious Saviour—may heaven smile on you and the Board in general.

OUR brethren in Georgia, particularly of the Sarepta Mission Society, are directing their attention also towards the Cherokees, and we are happy to hear favourable accounts from their labours.

From the Rev. Isaac M'Coy nothing has come to hand later than what has appeared in the second number of the Luminary. It is hoped that the vigorous prosecution of his plans relative to the Wabash Indians, will be accompanied with a blessing.

GENERAL STATE OF RELIGION.

It is lamented that our limits do not permit us to present that comprehensive and detailed view of this subject which the importance of it, and the interest it has in every christian bosom, would render at once so proper and so gratifying—not in relation to one denomination only, but to all. A very brief, though general survey, only, can be here attempted. In this it will be necessary to mark regions of barrenness as well as those favoured by the refreshing visits of divine mercy. The Rev. Thomas Smiley justly observes, that "it would be a useful

part of information to publish where there are declensions in religion as well as revivals; and where churches after great revivals have become extinct, let it be known, and what seemed to be the leading cause of it: as this may have been mostly owing to our own imprudence, a faithful account of such things might serve as a warning both to ourselves and others. Also where ministers have apostatized, I have often noticed that in their best days there appeared to be a lack in them; and it would be but justice that, when they show themselves as they are, it should be known how they came into the ministry, their conduct while in it, together with their fall, which would serve as a future caution."

This subject is so intimately connected with that of missions, or with exertions to spread the everlasting gospel, that, in the review here submitted, no care will be taken to keep up between them a distinct line of demarkation.

MAINE.—In this quarter much mercy has been experienced the past year. Among the churches of the *Bowdoinham Association* about 300 have been baptized on profession of faith and repentance; among those of the *Cumberland* nearly 500. At the last session of the former 95 dollars and 29 cents were furnished from various sources for missionary objects; on the minutes of the latter, the funds of the *Mission Society* exhibit an amount of 387 dollars and 77 cents. Had the minutes of the *Lincoln* come to hand, with accounts from other *mite* and *mission societies*, additional information of this nature might have been offered. In

NEW HAMPSHIRE and VERMONT—much that is grateful to christian feeling is observable. To all the associations accessions have been gained of such as profess an experience of grace in the heart; to some of them the accessions have been very numerous, in one instance 510, in another 866. Female *mite societies* and other indications of the prosperity of Zion are multiplying. Extracts from letters and minutes, exhibiting notices of *societies*, *contributions*, &c. with many animating passages relative to revivals, and some complaints of coldness and negligence in religion, are unavoidably here omitted. The *associations* in

MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND and CONNECTICUT—have received additions; but some of them small, while others have been very considerable. Although, in reference to particular places, there is great reason for lamentation and distress on account of the low state of religion, and disregard of the ordinances of the house of God, others have experienced precious reformatations. The mission spirit also is in active operation, as the contributions from *mite societies*, churches, congregations, and individuals mentioned in their minutes amply testify.

NEW YORK State.—Upon this region we advance with unfeigned delight. Here the Spirit of the Lord has been largely shed abroad. Numbers have been brought out of the darkness of sin into marvellous light. Many have been baptized into the name of HIM who was crucified, and who rose from the dead. Of course, zeal for missions abundantly prevails. It is regretted that the minutes of several of the *associations* the past year have not been obtained. Those that have come to hand, as well as letters from that quarter, exhibit the most animating indications of the progress of the cause of Zion. In the churches of one Association have been baptized 409—another, 457—another, 733—and another, 870. Extracts from letters will be introduced into a future number of the *Luminary*, as soon as practicable. Some of the churches in the

NEW JERSEY—*Associations* have been favoured with refreshing influences from on high. Others mourn a state of coldness in divine things, praying with the

prophet, *O Lord, revive thy work!* The ladies of the Burlington *Mite Society*, as well as others, continue to display a laudable zeal for missions—while one, lately of their number, now shares in the toils of the missionary field westward of the Mississippi river. Large additions the past year were not made to any of the churches connected with the *associations* in

PENNSYLVANIA.—A number of them, however, both in the city of Philadelphia and the country round about, as well as those at a greater distance, have worn a pleasant aspect, and realized a gradual increase. Several missionary societies have been formed. Within the limits of the *Abington Association*, a revival, it is understood, has commenced. But in various sections of the commonwealth missionary aid is pressingly needed. Relative to the *associations* in

DELAWARE and MARYLAND—but little can be here introduced. Notwithstanding a degree of coldness in religious matters much to be deplored, and that many are to be met with who seldom hear preaching, some things are observable to sustain and animate our hopes. In one of the churches in Baltimore, 46 have been baptized, and in that in Alexandria, 58; besides the zeal for missions, *foreign and domestic*, in these places, in Washington city, and in other portions of country now under review. A survey of

VIRGINIA—awakens emotions at once joyous and painful. Several of the churches in different parts of the state have been richly visited with the showers of divine goodness. Happy and extensive revivals have been witnessed. Much zeal for missions continues to be displayed; and societies for missionary purposes have multiplied. Some sections, however, are but partially supplied with the preaching of the gospel. Similar observations will apply to

The CAROLINAS and GEORGIA—Although various places exhibit a degree of barrenness which it is mournful to view, considerable ingatherings have gladdened some of the churches; favourable prospects have for a time warmed the hearts of the brethren in others; and a zealous activity and liberality in favour of the missionary cause has been manifested. In the

ALABAMA TERRITORY and STATE OF TENNESSEE—the gospel appears to be gaining ground. To the associations in this quarter large additions have not been made. In a few instances the Lord has shed forth a spirit of revival; at Mobile a Sunday school has been originated by the ladies; missionary efforts are increasing; still here is a wide field for faithful labours in the Saviour's service.

KENTUCKY—has been greatly favoured the past year. Powerful and extensive awakenings have been experienced; the number of mission societies has been augmented; and much concern for imparting the blessings of civilization and christianity to the native tribes of the forest, is here discovered. An abundant reward for these evangelical solitudes, and their attendant liberalities, it is hoped, will be enjoyed in the continued and increasing displays of the divine favour.

OHIO and INDIANA—appear not to have been signalized by any remarkable outpourings of the Holy Spirit, the past year. Some of the servants of the Lord have seen happy times; others have had their hopes raised and expectations excited for a season; but have reason to lament the want of preachers, and *the ways of Zion mourn* that so few attend the solemnities of divine worship.

ILLINOIS and MISSOURI TERRITORIES—present extensive fields for missionary labours. Churches however have been formed; and there are some, besides

the missionaries under the patronage of the Board, proclaiming the *unsearchable riches of Christ*.

MISSISSIPPI and LOUISIANA.—The state of things in this quarter is best exhibited in the communications from the Rev. Mr. Ranaldson, published in this and former numbers of the Luminary. Missionaries are there greatly needed.

By the returns on the minutes as exhibited in the *Table of Associations*, the number baptized the preceding year must have exceeded 12270; that number is actually returned from 80 associations, while from 50 associations no returns of those baptized have been furnished. The churches are 2682; preachers, 1859; the whole number of members about 190,000.

From this estimate it is obvious that there is far from being a sufficient supply of ministers even for the churches; besides loud and pressing calls from destitute sections of the country. While, therefore, we have much cause for devout thankfulness to the Father of goodness for his manifold mercies, we have also great reason for deep humility, and fervent supplication that the *Lord of the harvest would send forth labourers*.

The preceding remarks have reference to the state of religion in our own denomination. Others, blessed be God! have, in multiplied instances, been highly favoured with the reviving influences of divine grace. We regret that our limits do not allow us to introduce a more particular and extended survey. We wish to know, and wish our readers to know, as accurately as possible, the state of every religious denomination in our own country, and throughout the world.

THE EDUCATION of pious young men, who, in the judgment of the churches, as well as in their own judgment, are called of God to the work of the ministry, deserves to be taken into the account in a general view of the *state of religion*.

The necessity that the preacher of the everlasting gospel should “*give attendance to reading*,” as well as “*to exhortation*” and to “*doctrine*,” should “*meditate upon these things*,” should “*give himself wholly to them*,”—that he should “*study*” in order “*to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*,” agreeably to the solemn and repeated injunctions of Paul to Timothy, is becoming more and more apparent. Enlightened by the scriptures on this subject, the churches feel its importance. In all directions a kindling zeal is producing vigorous exertion.

Our brethren in the eastern states have already made considerable advancement. As appears by the minutes of the *Boston Association*, at their last session, they received 765 dollars to assist the funds of the Baptist Education Society. Among the contributors we are happy to notice two *Female Education Societies*. A dozen or fourteen young men are studying with the Rev. Mr. Chaplin, of Danvers, Mas. In the course of the past season another institution has been originated in that quarter, and located in Maine, the design of which is understood to be both classical and theological, and the prospect of its utility flattering.

Besides the Education Society in the city of New York, one has been formed in the interior of that state, where very considerable zeal appears to exist, with competent means, for the prosecution of this interesting object.

In Virginia and North Carolina something, on an enlarged scale, it should seem, is about to be attempted. Education societies, particularly among the ladies, have already been there established.

Our brethren in South Carolina connected with the Charleston association, have for a long time employed a zealous activity, and given to this business successful operation. The minutes of their last session exhibit receipts from societies, churches, and individuals, to the amount of \$635 93½ for the *Education Fund*, besides \$928 99½ for missions. We notice, too, with particular satisfaction, the donation of \$100 by Mrs. Elizabeth M'Nair, towards the Theological Seminary proposed by the Convention, and about to be carried into effect by the Board.

Another education concern, it is understood, has been originated in the same state among the churches belonging to the Savannah River Association. Our friends in Georgia, we are persuaded, will not, with their ample means, refuse themselves the happiness of assisting a cause so obviously important to the interests of religion.

In Mississippi an education society has already been formed, and one in Ohio; nor will we for a moment admit the idea that our worthy brethren in the wealthy and flourishing country between, will suffer others to carry forward these benevolent and useful plans without their assistance. Meantime let all unite in supplicating the blessing of God on every pursuit undertaken for his glory.

POETRY.

For the following communication the publishers are indebted to Miss SALLY GANO of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. who received it from the author, Mrs. HOUGH, when on her voyage from America, twenty days from Calcutta.

"THE other evening I sat reflecting on the past, and my absent friends shared much in my meditations; sadness pervaded my mind, and I almost involuntarily poured forth my soul in song. Possibly the simple effusions of your friend may amuse you, and perhaps a sympathetic feeling will pervade your bosom as you read the following lines

ON MELANCHOLY.

WHEN absent friends invite
The silent tear, the tender sigh;
When Memory throws her light
On scenes of joy passed swiftly by:
Then Melancholy flings
A sombre sadness o'er the mind;
She strikes the tender strings
Of sensibility refined.
She bids the tears to speak,
To tell the latent grief she feels;
Their language is too weak,
'Tis what the deep-fetch'd sigh reveals.
But, Melancholy, why
Hang all thy tender charms o'er me?
I would not always sigh
For worldly joys, which transient be!
Though time and distance join
To part me from the friends I love;
If Jesus is but mine,
'Tis joy which changes cannot move.
Then, Melancholy, go—
Thy power can never bind my soul;
Thou tender nurse of wo,
I yield thee not supreme control."

PSALM LXXII.

To Christ the Lord, fair Zion's King,
Judgment and righteousness we bring;
The poor shall bless the faithful throne
Of our anointed Solomon.

Hence shall the bow and chariot cease,
And hills to mountains echo peace;
He shall the needy children save,
And bind oppression in the grave.

Long as the sun shall rule the day,
Or moon effuse her silver ray,
His fear shall sway the ransom'd heart,
And every meaner fear depart.

He shall descend like spreading rains
That fertilize a thousand plains;
His saints shall hail the rich increase,
And bind their ample sheaves in peace.

From sea's to earth's remotest ends,
The glory of his throne extends;
In him the wilderness shall trust,
And foes, as adders, lick the dust.

Sov'reigns of Tarshish and the Isles
To him surrender all their spoils;
Before him Sheba's monarchs bend,
And universal hymns ascend.

Though death against his empire strive,
For ever shall that empire live:
For him perpetual prayer be made,
To him immortal honours paid.

No more the thistled earth shall mourn,
The hills shall smile with bowing corn;
While from their sides the seed shall spread,
And peopled cities fill with bread.

Blessings in him shall mortals find
To heal and elevate the mind;
Earth be a Paradise again,
And loud as thunder, shout—*Amen!*

Such were the strains of Jesse's son—
'Twas inspiration gave their tone.
"Be this!"—he said,—“my whole desire!”
And threw away his useless lyre.